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THESE *LEGIONNAIRES*
HAVE BECOME--
CHILDREN!

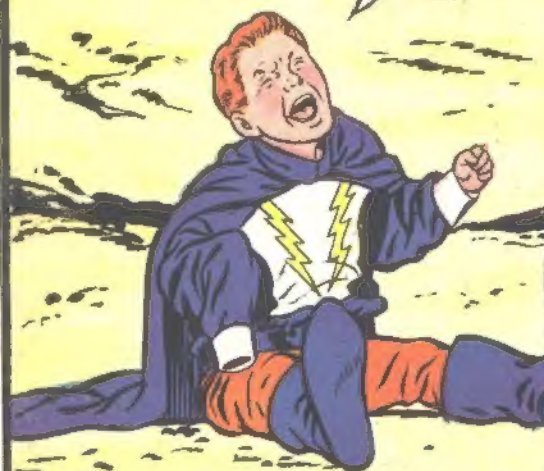
YES, *SUPERBOY*! THE RAYS
FROM THIS AURORA HAVE
CHANGED THEM INTO
LIGHTNING TOT, *BOUNCING
BABY*, *SHRINKING CHILD*
AND *ULTRA-KID*! AND SOON
YOU WILL BE *SUPER-INFANT*!



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TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

PART I

INTO THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ONE DAY COMES A NEW MEMBER WITH A NEW KIND OF SUPER-POWER... **DREAM GIRL**, THE MOST GLAMOROUS GIRL LEGIONNAIRE OF ALL! BUT THE BEAUTIFUL NEW LEGIONNAIRE IS NOT ALL SHE SEEMS, AND THE SUPER-HEROES FIND THAT JEALOUSY AND TRAGIC HEARTBREAK COME FROM —

The MENACE of DREAM GIRL!

I TRAVELED 1,000,000 MILES TO GET THESE RARE FRUITS! PLEASE ACCEPT THEM, **DREAM GIRL**!

NONE OF THE BOYS CAN TAKE HIS EYES OFF HER!

JUST BECAUSE SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL... THEY'RE SHOWERING HER WITH PRICELESS GIFTS!

THE PEOPLE OF THE PLANET **SUHURU** WOULD MAKE ME THEIR KING IF I GAVE THEM THIS... BUT I'D RATHER YOU HAVE IT!



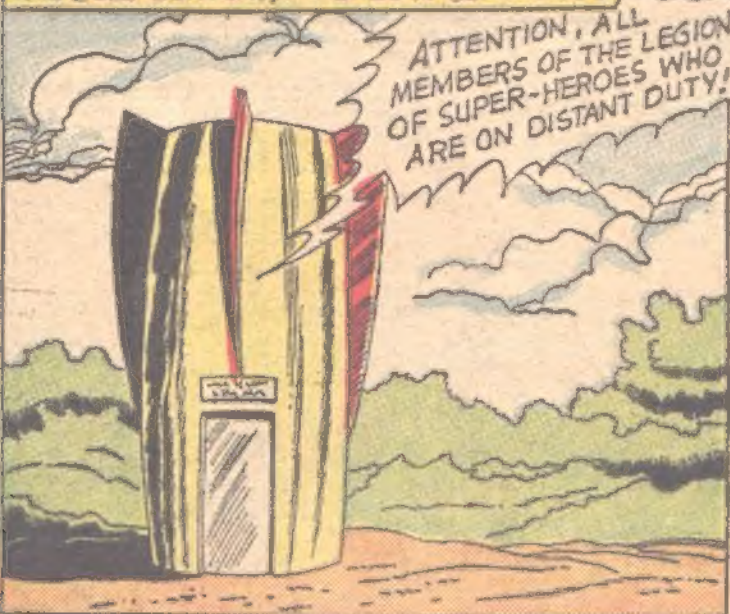
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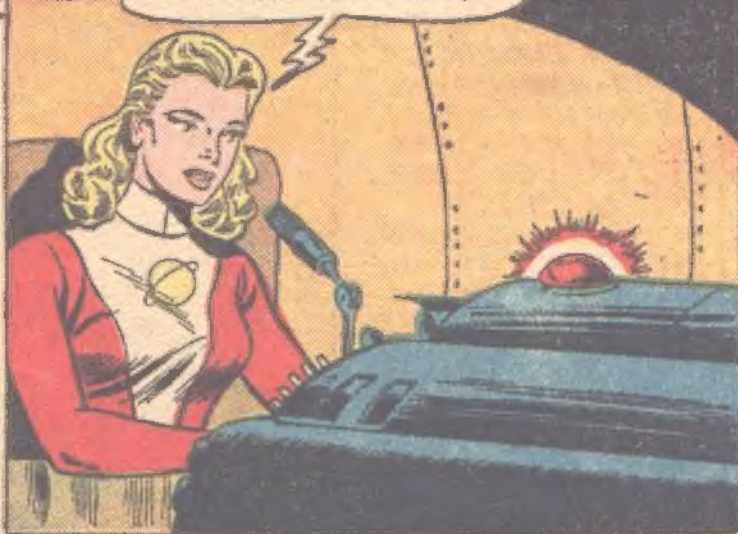
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FROM THE MOST FAMOUS BUILDING ON EARTH, IN THE 30TH CENTURY, FLASHES A SUMMONS!



ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES WHO ARE ON DISTANT DUTY!

THIS IS **SATURN GIRL** CALLING! WE HAVEN'T ENOUGH MEMBERS TO MAKE A QUORUM FOR OUR REGULAR MEETING! THOSE LEGION TEAMS WHO ARE ABLE TO LEAVE YOUR MISSIONS, RETURN TO EARTH!



ON AN ALIEN WORLD, LEGIONNAIRE-TEAM **BRAINIAC 5** AND **LIGHTNING LASS** RECEIVE THE SUMMONS...

IT'S LUCKY YOU HAVE A COMPUTER MIND, **BRAINIAC 5**. YOU CALCULATED EXACTLY WHERE I SHOULD STRIKE MY LIGHTNING-BOLTS TO CARVE THE STATUE THE PEOPLE OF THIS PLANET WANT OF THEIR NATIONAL HERO!



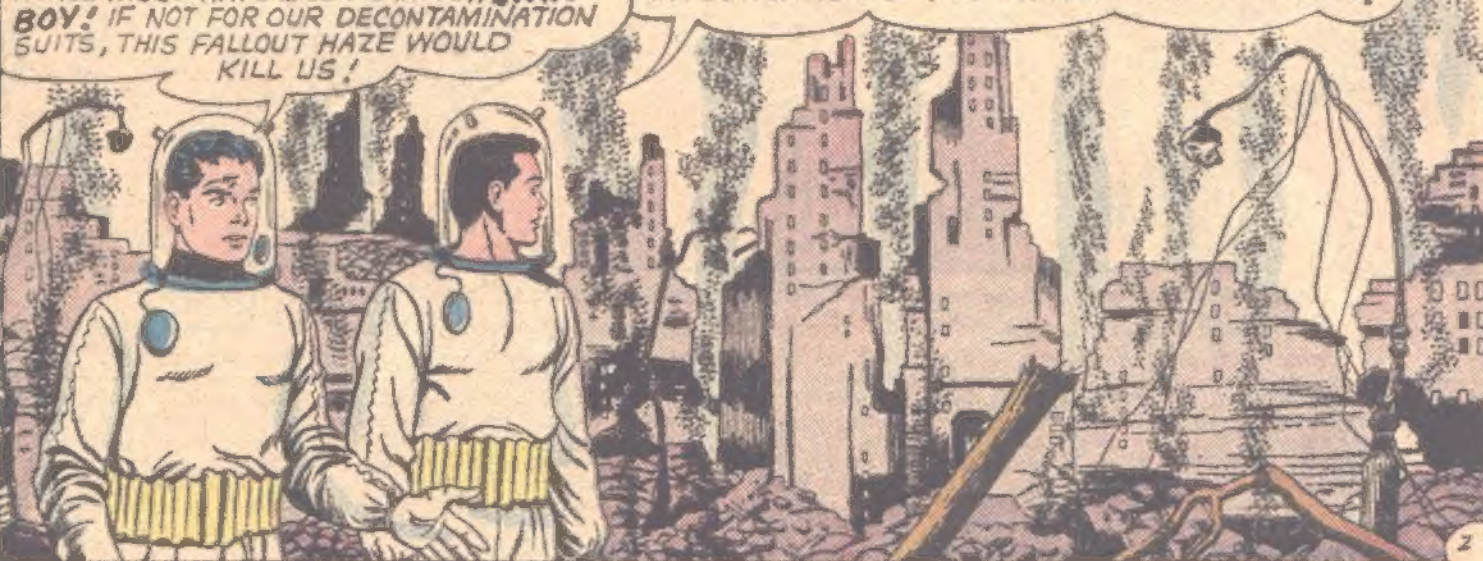
WAIT, **LIGHTNING LASS**... **SATURN GIRL** IS CALLING!

CALLING ALL LEGIONNAIRES!

AND ON A WORLD DEVASTATED BY ATOMIC WARFARE, LEGIONNAIRE-TEAM **STAR BOY** AND **MATTER-EATER LAD** RESPOND TO THE CALL...

THE ATOM WAR THAT WIPED OUT THIS WORLD MUST HAVE BEEN GHASTLY, **STAR BOY**! IF NOT FOR OUR DECONTAMINATION SUITS, THIS FALLOUT HAZE WOULD KILL US!

YES... IT'S FRIGHTENING! I'M GLAD **SATURN GIRL** CALLED US IN... WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE OUR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION OF THIS TERRIBLE WORLD LATER!



BUT ONE MIGHTY LEGIONNAIRE TEAM HAS NOT HEARD THE CALL, FOR ITS MEMBERS ARE RACING AT SUPER-SPEED THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER!

IT'S BAFFLING, SUPERBOY! WHEN COSMIC BOY AND SUN BOY TRIED TO FOLLOW THE TIME TRAPPER, THAT SCIENTIFIC CRIMINAL WHO FLED INTO FUTURE TIME, THEIR TIME-BUBBLE WAS STOPPED! THEY WERE ONLY ABLE TO ADVANCE 30 DAYS INTO THE FUTURE!

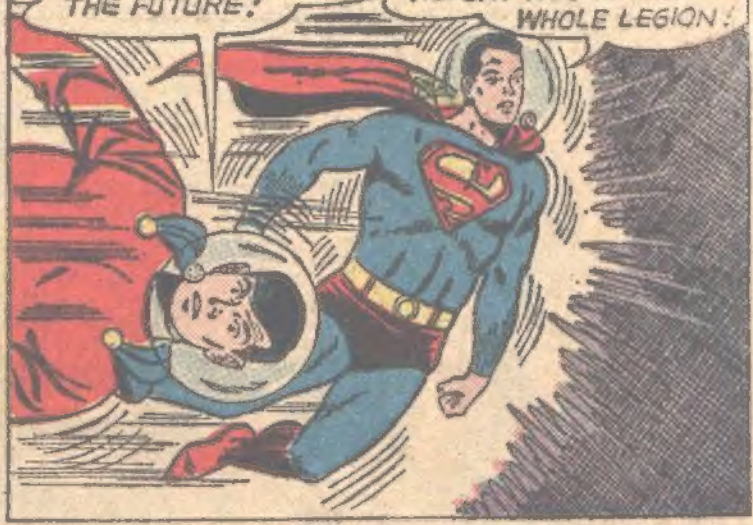
NOTHING CAN STOP OUR SUPER-POWERS, MON-EL! WE'RE CRASHING THE TIME BARRIER... NOW KEEP YOUR RADIO-HELMET ON SO WE CAN COMMUNICATE!



BUT SUDDENLY...

WE TOO HAVE BEEN STOPPED BY SOME STRANGE BARRIER THAT KEEPS US FROM GOING MORE THAN 30 DAYS IN THE FUTURE!

AN "IRON CURTAIN OF TIME"! THE TIME TRAPPER SOMEHOW CREATED THIS WALL! WE'LL GO BACK AND REPORT THIS TO THE WHOLE LEGION!



WHEN SUPERBOY AND MON-EL RETURN TO THE CLUB-HOUSE ON EARTH...

THIS "IRON CURTAIN OF TIME" SOUNDS OMINOUS, INDEED! BUT BEFORE WE CAN STUDY IT, WE MUST HOLD OUR REGULAR MEETING AS THE LEGION'S BY-LAWS COMMAND!

YOU'RE RIGHT, SATURN GIRL! BUT I CAN'T HELP WONDERING ... WHAT'S THE TIME-TRAPPER DOING IN THE FUTURE THAT HE DOESN'T WANT US TO SEE?



THE MEETING BEGINS, AS ALWAYS, WITH THE READING OF THE LEGION'S CONSTITUTION...

...AND CLAUSE 6, SUB-CLAUSE 3, REQUIRES THAT EVERY LEGIONNAIRE USE LANGUAGE-LEARNING MACHINES TO LEARN ANY NEW PLANETARY LANGUAGE! SUB-CLAUSE 4 STATES...



NEXT COMES THE EXAMINATION OF NEW APPLICANTS WISHING TO JOIN THE LEGION!

I'M RANN ANTAR, AND I HAVE A SECRET FORMULA THAT CAN MAKE FEATHERS AS HEAVY AS LEAD!

SORRY, BUT THAT ISN'T A REAL SUPER-POWER! STAR BOY, WHO DRAWS HIS POWER FROM THE STARS, CAN MAKE ANY OBJECT SUPER-HEAVY! NEXT APPLICANT!

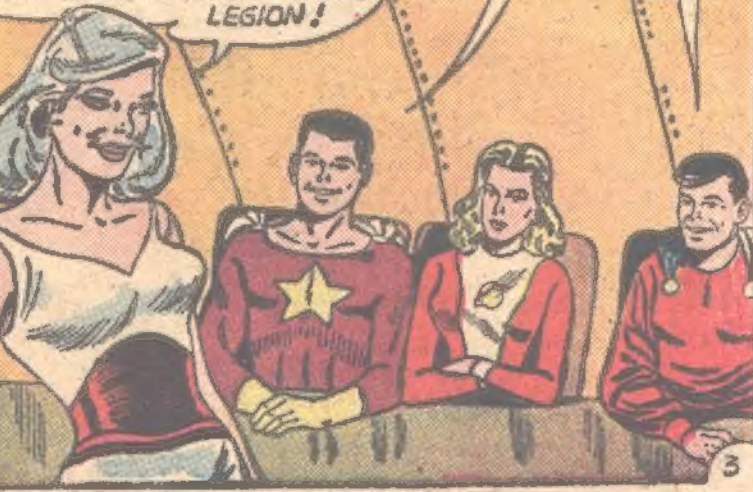


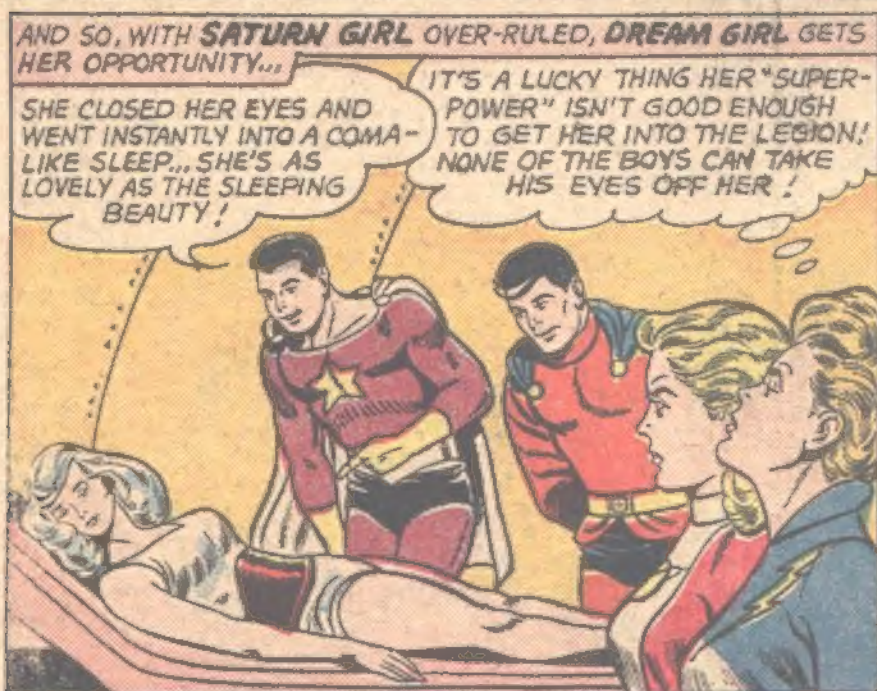
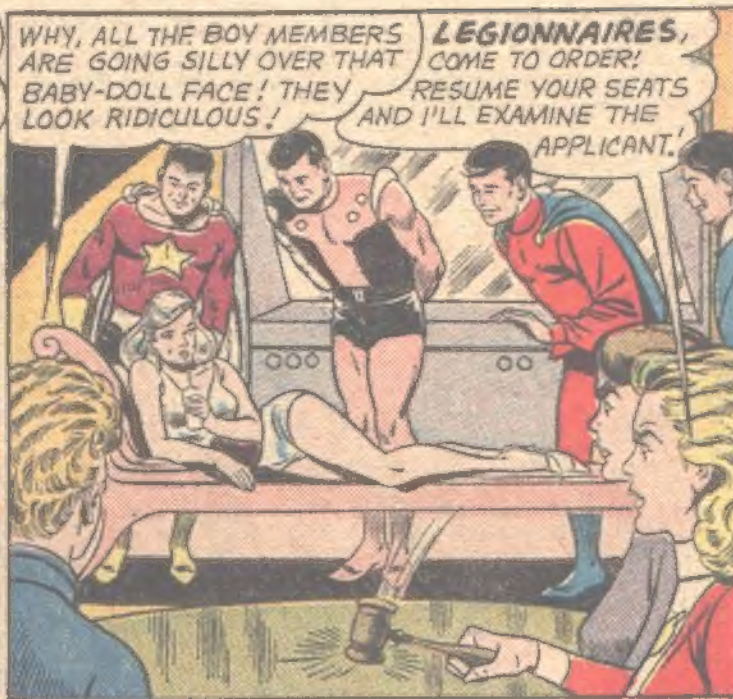
THE NEXT APPLICANT IS A GORGEOUS SURPRISE!

I'M FROM THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD, NALTOR. YOU CAN CALL ME DREAM GIRL, FOR IT'S MY SUPER-POWER OF DREAMING THAT I HOPE WILL GAIN ME ENTRANCE TO THE LEGION!

WOW, WHAT A BEAUTY!

SHE'S A REAL DREAM-BOAT!



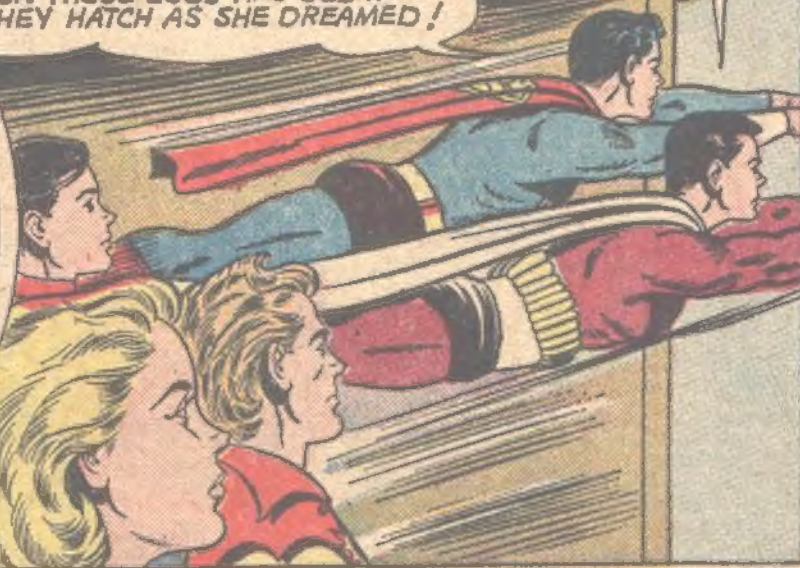




IN ONE I SAW LONG-BURIED EGGS IN A SOUTHWESTERN DESERT, UNCOVERED BY A STORM, HATCH INTO GREAT MONSTERS WHICH FLEW AWAY TO PREY ON MEN! IN THE OTHER, A GREAT TANK OF ROCKET-FUEL NEAR **METROPOLIS SPACEPORT** EXPLODED!

WE'LL CHECK TO SEE IF THOSE THINGS HAPPEN! I'LL HANDLE THE FUEL-TANK. **STAR BOY**, YOU LOOK FOR THOSE EGGS AND SEE IF THEY HATCH AS SHE DREAMED!

RIGHT, **SUPERBOY!**



AND AS **STAR BOY** SOARS AWAY VIA HIS FLYING-BELT, HE SEES ONLY ONE FACE!

HOW BEAUTIFUL **DREAM GIRL** IS, AND HOW I HOPE SHE GETS INTO THE LEGION! MAYBE SHE'LL BE IMPRESSED WHEN SHE LEARNS THAT I'M **STAR BOY** AND GET MY POWER FROM THE STARS...



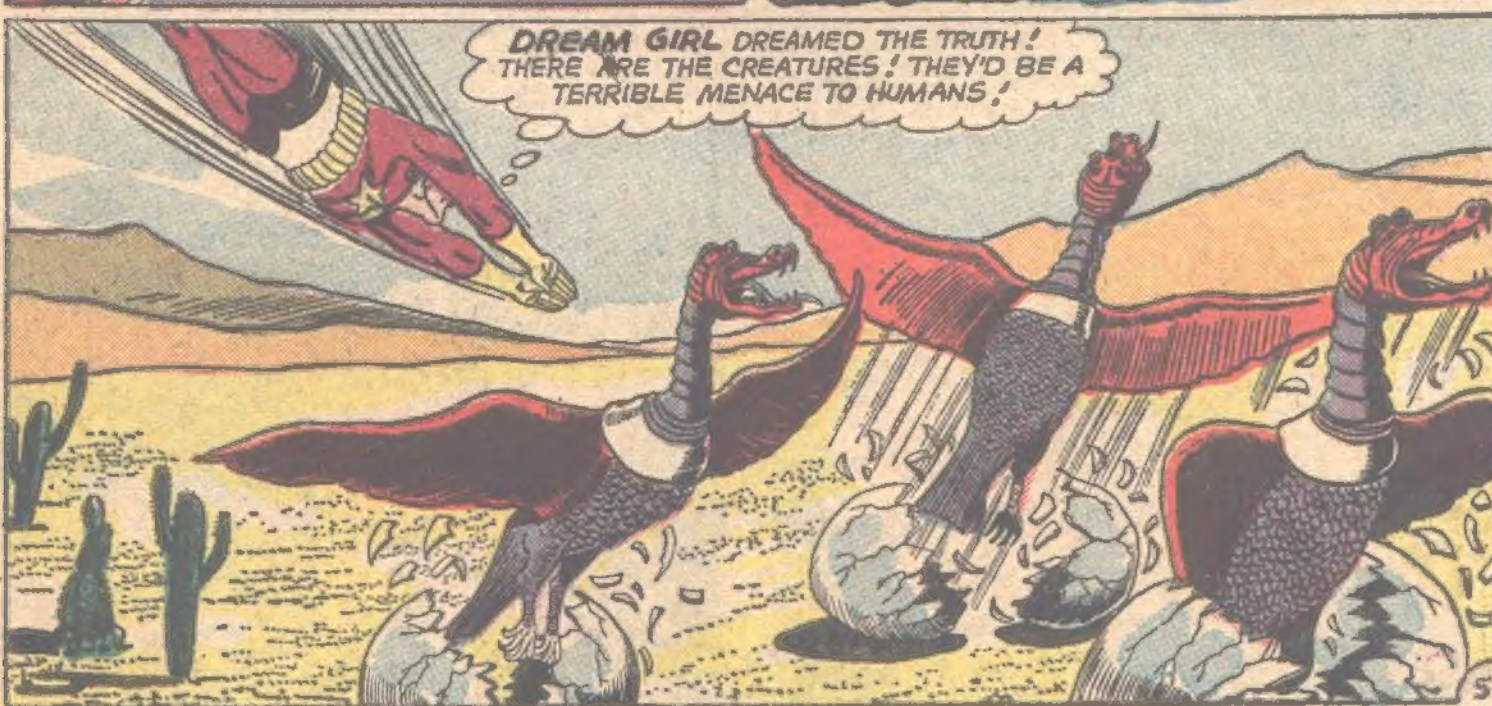
"I WAS BORN IN A SPACE-OBSERVATORY ORBITING MIGHTY STARS, IN WHICH MY FATHER WAS AN ASTRONOMER!"

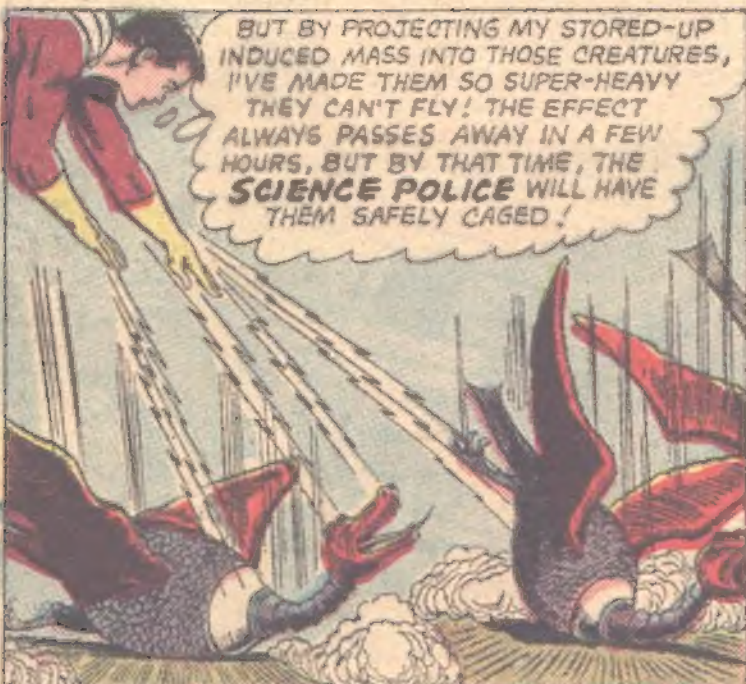
MY TESTS REVEAL THAT OUR SON, BORN CLOSE TO THE STARS, HAS BY THEIR RADIATION EVOLVED THE POWER TO DRAW INDUCED MASS FROM THE STARS! HE WILL BE ABLE TO INDUCE **SUPER-MASS** OR **WEIGHT** ON ANY OBJECT WHEN HE GROWS UP!

OUR SON WILL HAVE A **SUPER-POWER**... A GIFT FROM THE STARS!



DREAM GIRL DREAMED THE TRUTH! THERE ARE THE CREATURES! THEY'D BE A TERRIBLE MENACE TO HUMANS!





BUT BY PROJECTING MY STORED-UP INDUCED MASS INTO THOSE CREATURES, I'VE MADE THEM SO SUPER-HEAVY THEY CAN'T FLY! THE EFFECT ALWAYS PASSES AWAY IN A FEW HOURS, BUT BY THAT TIME, THE **SCIENCE POLICE** WILL HAVE THEM SAFELY CAGED!

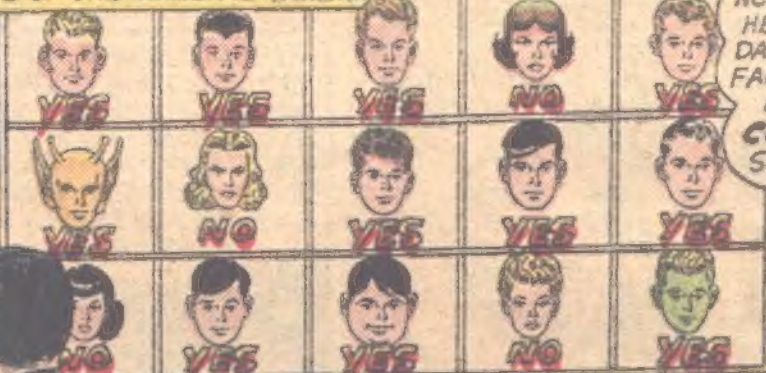
ALMOST AT THE SAME TIME, ABOVE **METROPOLIS SPACEPORT**...

THE FUEL-TANK WAS JUST ON THE POINT OF EXPLODING... BUT I HURLED IT INTO THE SKY WHERE ITS BURSTING WILL DO NO HARM! THIS PROOF OF **DREAM GIRL'S** SUPER-POWER WILL SURELY WIN HER LEGION MEMBERSHIP!



LATER, WHEN A SOLEMN VOTE OF THE LEGION IS TAKEN...

YOU'VE BEEN VOTED INTO THE LEGION, **DREAM GIRL**! CONGRATULATIONS! IT'LL BE GREAT, HAVING YOU WITH US!



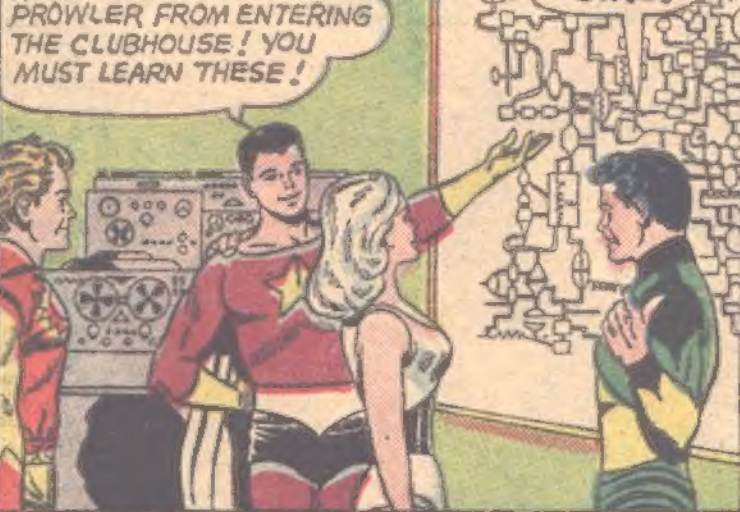
NONE OF US GIRLS VOTED FOR HER, BUT THEY'RE ALL DAZZLED BY HER PRETTY FACE! WELL, WE HAVE TO OBEY THE **LEGION CONSTITUTION**, SO SHE'S A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER NOW!



THE NEW LEGIONNAIRE GETS PLENTY OF ATTENTION!

LOOK, **DREAM GIRL**... THIS DIAGRAM SHOWS OUR SECRET MONITOR DEVICES THAT PREVENT ANY PROWLER FROM ENTERING THE CLUBHOUSE! YOU MUST LEARN THESE!

LET ME SHOW YOU THE LEGION'S ARSENAL OF WEAPONS, **DREAM GIRL**!



BESIDES OUR POWERFUL WEAPONS HERE, WE MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE WEAPONS IN MANY OTHER PLACES! THERE'S THE **SOLAR SATELLITE** FOR USE IN **DEFENSE PLAN 44**, THE ROCKET HIDDEN IN THE ASTEROIDS FOR **PLAN 78**...

PLEASE... I'LL LEARN ALL THIS LATER! I WANT TO STUDY THE LEGION'S CONSTITUTION FIRST!



...AND CLAUSE 5, SECTION A, OF THE CONSTITUTION...

SHE'S REALLY CONSCIENTIOUS AS WELL AS BEAUTIFUL. SHE'S STUDYING OUR CONSTITUTION INTENSIVELY!

THEY'D BE AGHAST IF THEY KNEW WHY I'M STUDYING IT!



NEXT DAY, AS THE LEGIONNAIRES SEEK TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE **TIME-TRAPPER**...

SUN BOY, PERHAPS YOUR TIME-BUBBLE HAD A FLAW WHEN YOU PURSUED THE **TIME-TRAPPER**! I'LL SEE IF I CAN BREAK THROUGH IN THIS NEW ONE! AND **MON-EL** WILL TRY TO CRASH THROUGH WITH HIS SUPER-SPEED!

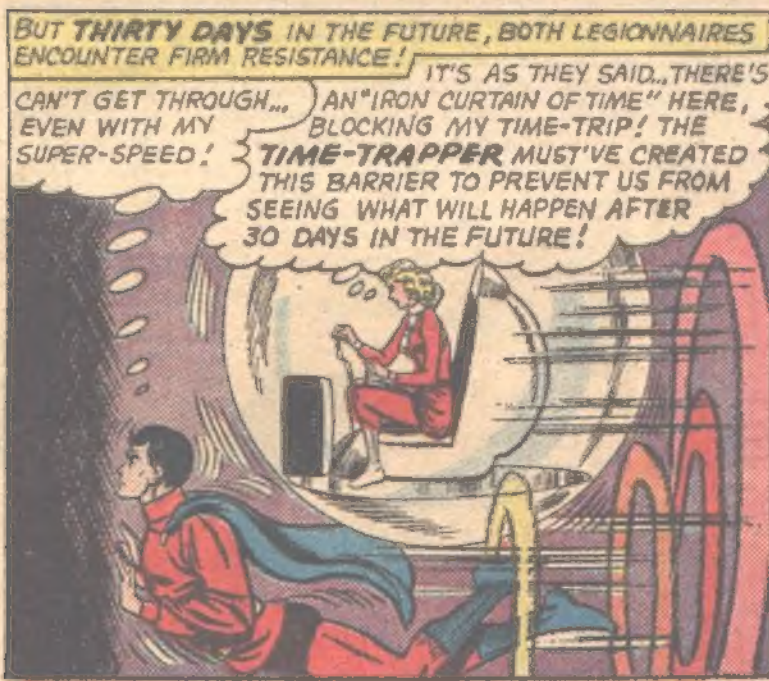
GOOD LUCK!



BUT **THIRTY DAYS** IN THE FUTURE, BOTH LEGIONNAIRES ENCOUNTER FIRM RESISTANCE!

IT'S AS THEY SAID...THERE'S AN "IRON CURTAIN OF TIME" HERE, BLOCKING MY TIME-TRIP! THE **TIME-TRAPPER** MUST'VE CREATED THIS BARRIER TO PREVENT US FROM SEEING WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER 30 DAYS IN THE FUTURE!

CAN'T GET THROUGH... EVEN WITH MY SUPER-SPEED!



WHEN **SATURN GIRL** AND **MON-EL** RETURN TO THE LEGION CLUBHOUSE...

MON-EL AND I BOTH FAILED TO PENETRATE THAT "IRON CURTAIN OF TIME". **DREAM GIRL**, PERHAPS YOU CAN TELL US WHAT'S BEYOND IT, BY YOUR DREAMS!

NO, MY DREAMS ONLY SHOW THINGS THAT'LL HAPPEN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS!



TRY, **DREAM GIRL**...WE MUST FIND OUT WHAT THE **TIME-TRAPPER** IS UP TO!

I TOLD YOU BEFORE, MY DREAMS CAN'T REACH INTO THE FUTURE FOR MORE THAN A FEW DAYS AT BEST--NOW STOP PESTERING ME... YOUR STUPIDITY BORES ME!



SHE'S BECOME SWELL-HEADED SINCE SHE BECAME A **LEGIONNAIRE**... SHE SNUBS EVERYONE, NOW!

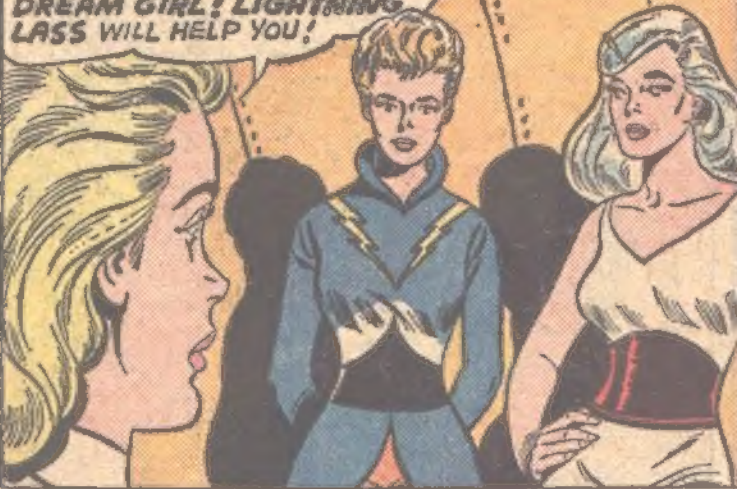
IT SERVES THE BOYS RIGHT FOR BEING SO FOOLISH ABOUT HER! I FEEL SORRY FOR ANY LEGIONNAIRE WHO WILL HAVE TO WORK WITH HER!



BUT SOON, LIGHTNING LASS DRAWS AN ASSIGNMENT WITH DREAM GIRL...

A NEW EXPERIMENTAL ELECTRICAL GENERATOR HAS TO BE TESTED FOR SAFETY. USE YOUR SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE TO CHECK IT FIRST, DREAM GIRL! LIGHTNING LASS WILL HELP YOU!

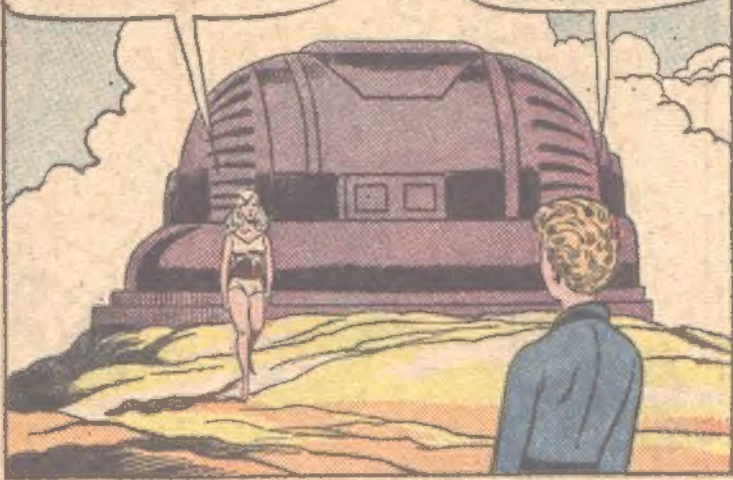
I WON'T NEED HER HELP, BUT I'LL LET HER COME ALONG!



WITH MY SUPERIOR NALTORIAN SCIENCE, CHECKING IT WAS SIMPLE! I DON'T NEED YOU, BUT IF YOU WANT TO DO SOME LITTLE THING TO HELP, YOU CAN OBSERVE IT FROM CLOSE RANGE... ELECTRICITY SHOULDN'T HURT YOU!

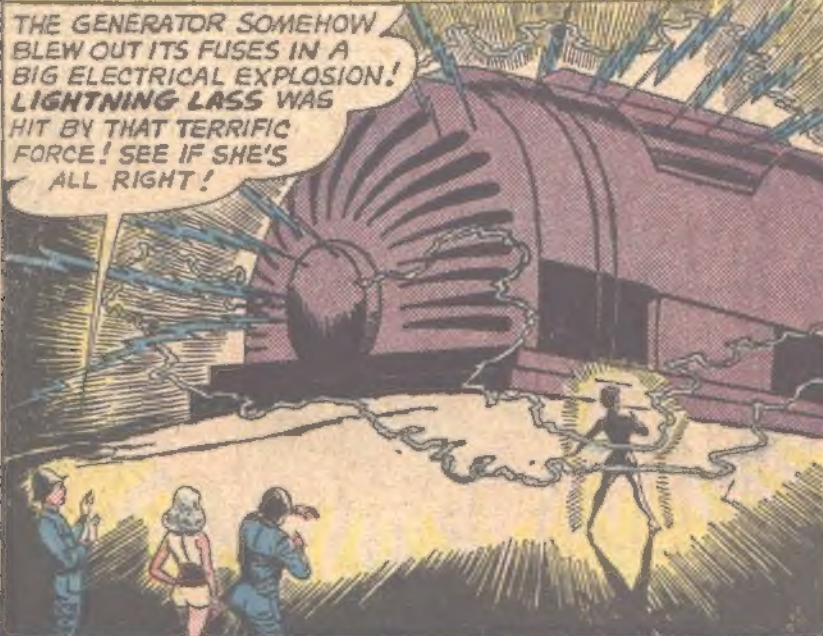
HER CONCEIT IS INSUFFERABLE, BUT I'LL PRETEND NOT TO NOTICE IT!

ALL RIGHT, DREAM GIRL!



BUT WHEN THE MIGHTY GENERATOR IS TURNED ON...

THE GENERATOR SOMEHOW BLEW OUT ITS FUSES IN A BIG ELECTRICAL EXPLOSION! LIGHTNING LASS WAS HIT BY THAT TERRIFIC FORCE! SEE IF SHE'S ALL RIGHT!



LIGHTNING LASS HAS SUFFERED A TERRIBLE EFFECT!

THAT EXPLOSION OF ELECTRICAL FORCE SOMEHOW SHORT-CIRCUITED MY POWER TO WIELD LIGHTNING... I CAN NO LONGER PROJECT A SINGLE BOLT!

WELL, THAT'S LEGIONNAIRE BIZ! WE'D BETTER REPORT THIS TO THE MEMBERS AT ONCE!



WHEN THE REPORT IS MADE...

SINCE LIGHTNING LASS HAS LOST HER SUPER-POWER, SHE CAN NO LONGER BE A LEGIONNAIRE! SHE MUST BE EXPELLED FROM THE LEGION AT ONCE!

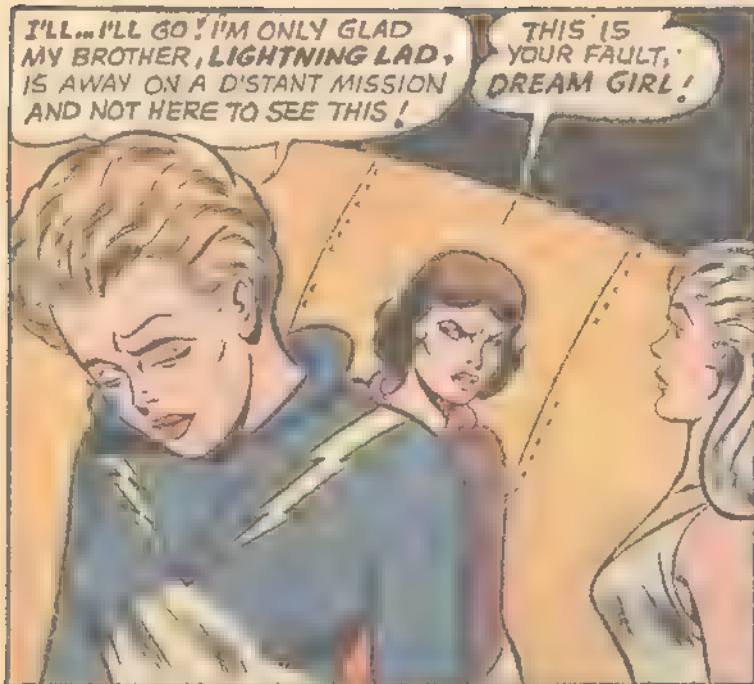
NO, WE CAN'T DO THAT TO HER!



OH, YES, WE CAN! LET ME QUOTE YOU CLAUSE Z-B FROM OUR CONSTITUTION! "NO ONE WITHOUT A SUPER-POWER CAN BE A MEMBER!"

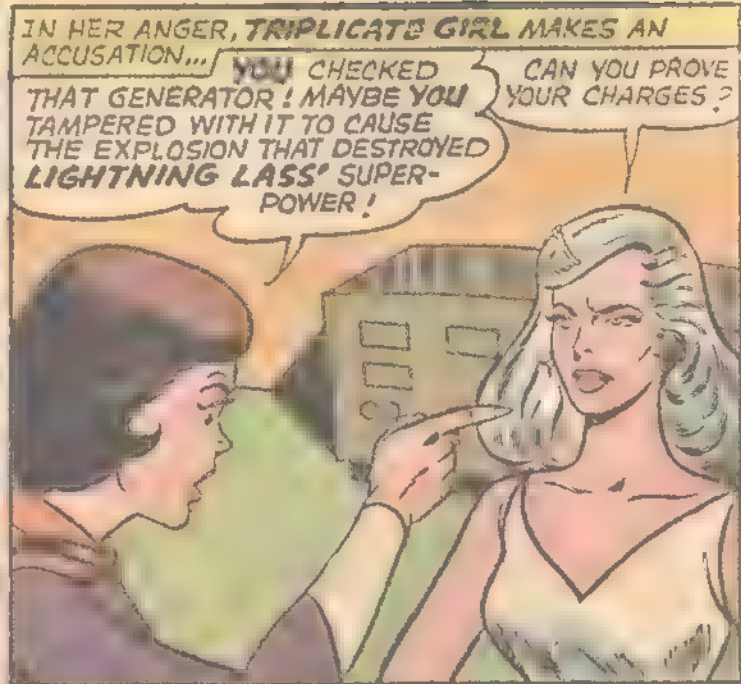
I'M SORRY, LIGHTNING LASS, BUT LEGALLY, SHE'S RIGHT! YOU MUST RESIGN!





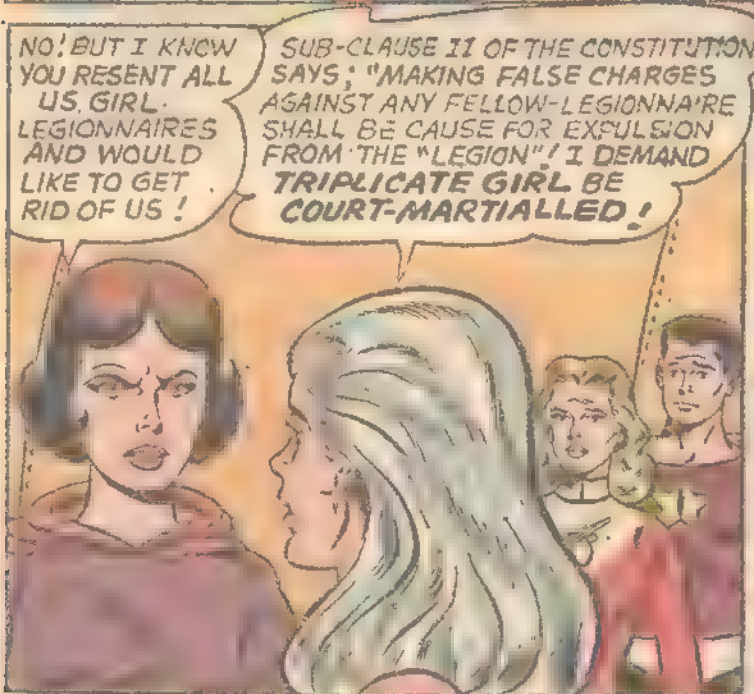
I'LL... I'LL GO! I'M ONLY GLAD MY BROTHER, **LIGHTNING LAD**, IS AWAY ON A D'ISTANT MISSION AND NOT HERE TO SEE THIS!

THIS IS YOUR FAULT, **DREAM GIRL**!



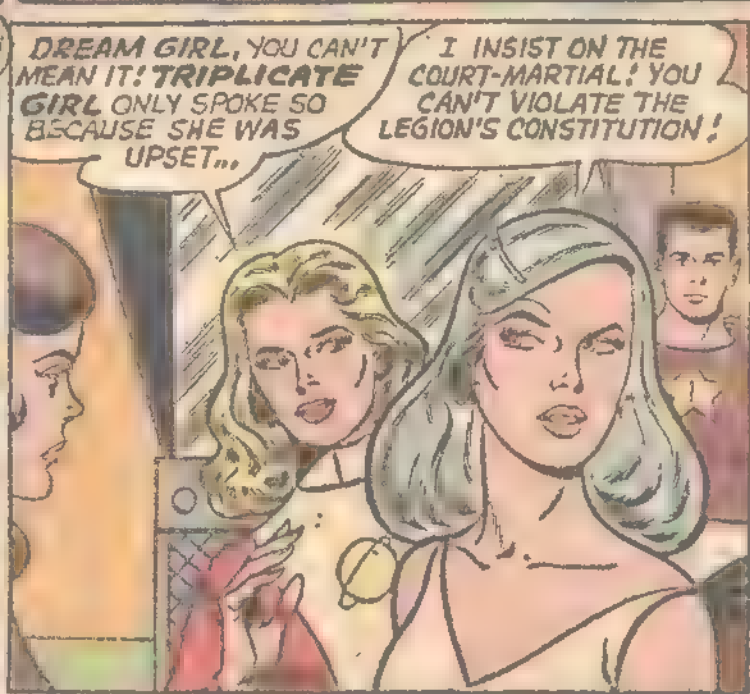
IN HER ANGER, **TRIPLICATE GIRL** MAKES AN ACCUSATION... **YOU** CHECKED THAT GENERATOR! MAYBE YOU TAMPERED WITH IT TO CAUSE THE EXPLOSION THAT DESTROYED **LIGHTNING LASS'** SUPER-POWER!

CAN YOU PROVE YOUR CHARGES?



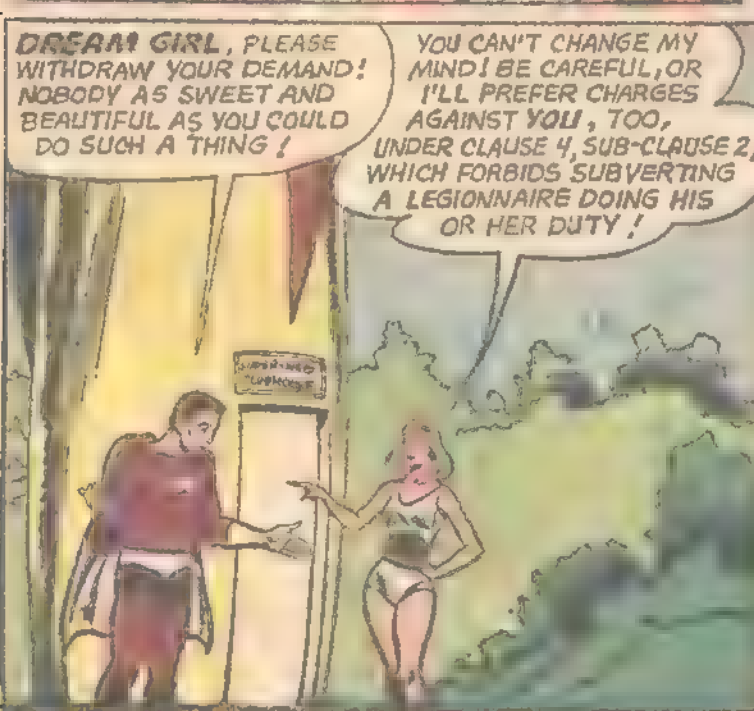
NO! BUT I KNOW YOU RESENT ALL US GIRL-LEGIONNAIRES AND WOULD LIKE TO GET RID OF US!

SUB-CLAUSE II OF THE CONSTITUTION SAYS; "MAKING FALSE CHARGES AGAINST ANY FELLOW-LEGIONNAIRE SHALL BE CAUSE FOR EXPULSION FROM THE "LEGION"! I DEMAND **TRIPLICATE GIRL** BE COURT-MARTIALLED!



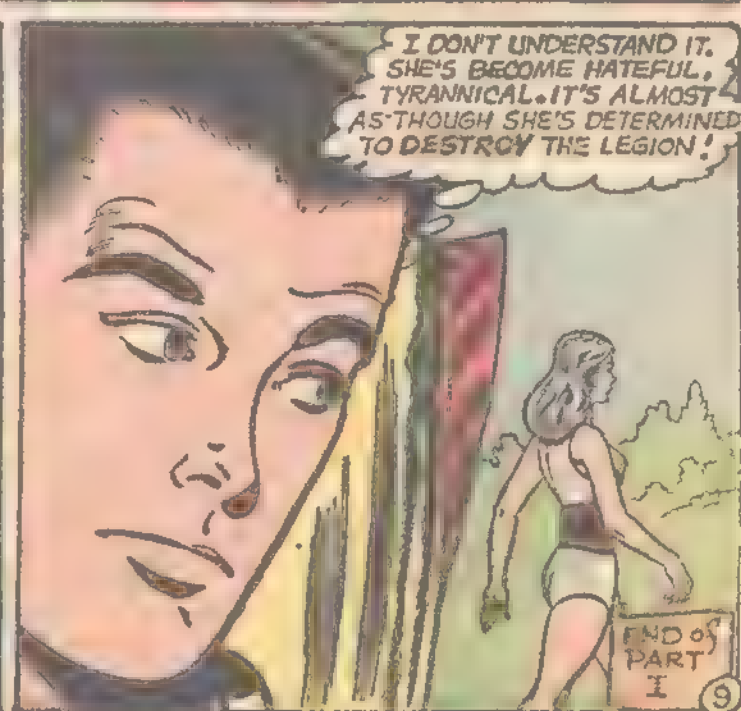
DREAM GIRL, YOU CAN'T MEAN IT! **TRIPLICATE GIRL** ONLY SPOKE SO BECAUSE SHE WAS UPSET...

I INSIST ON THE COURT-MARTIAL! YOU CAN'T VIOLATE THE LEGION'S CONSTITUTION!

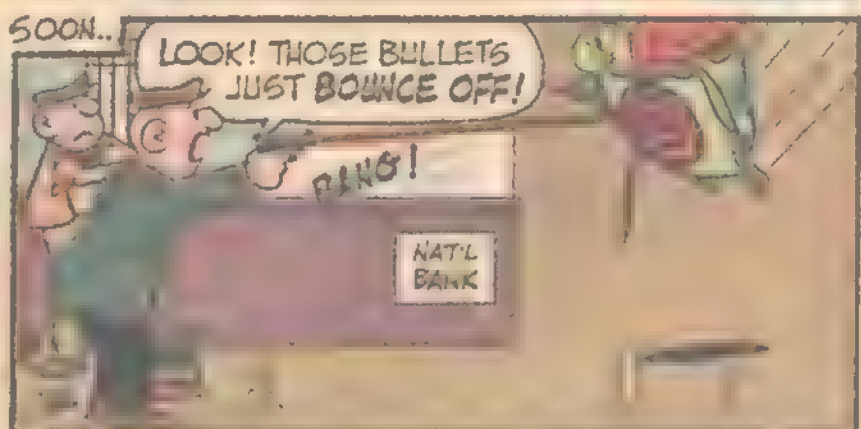
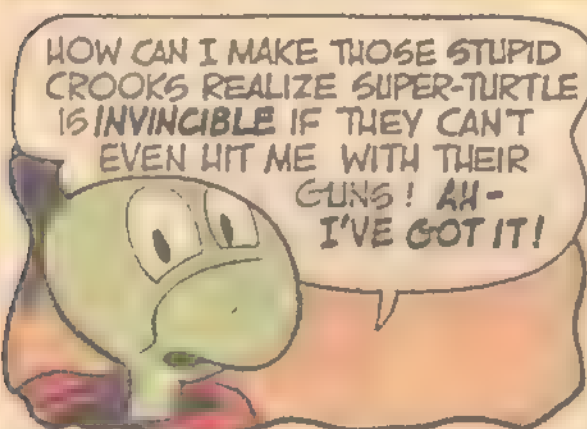
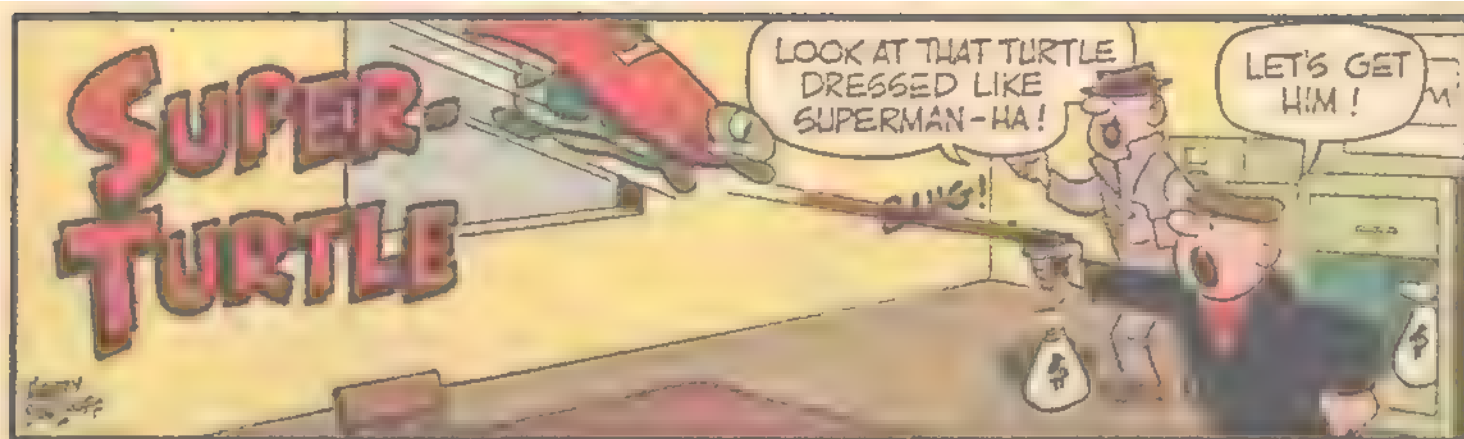


DREAM GIRL, PLEASE WITHDRAW YOUR DEMAND! NOBODY AS SWEET AND BEAUTIFUL AS YOU COULD DO SUCH A THING!

YOU CAN'T CHANGE MY MIND! BE CAREFUL, OR I'LL PREFER CHARGES AGAINST YOU, TOO, UNDER CLAUSE 4, SUB-CLAUSE 2, WHICH FORBIDS SUBVERTING A LEGIONNAIRE DOING HIS OR HER DUTY!



I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. SHE'S BECOME HATEFUL, TYRANNICAL. IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH SHE'S DETERMINED TO DESTROY THE LEGION!



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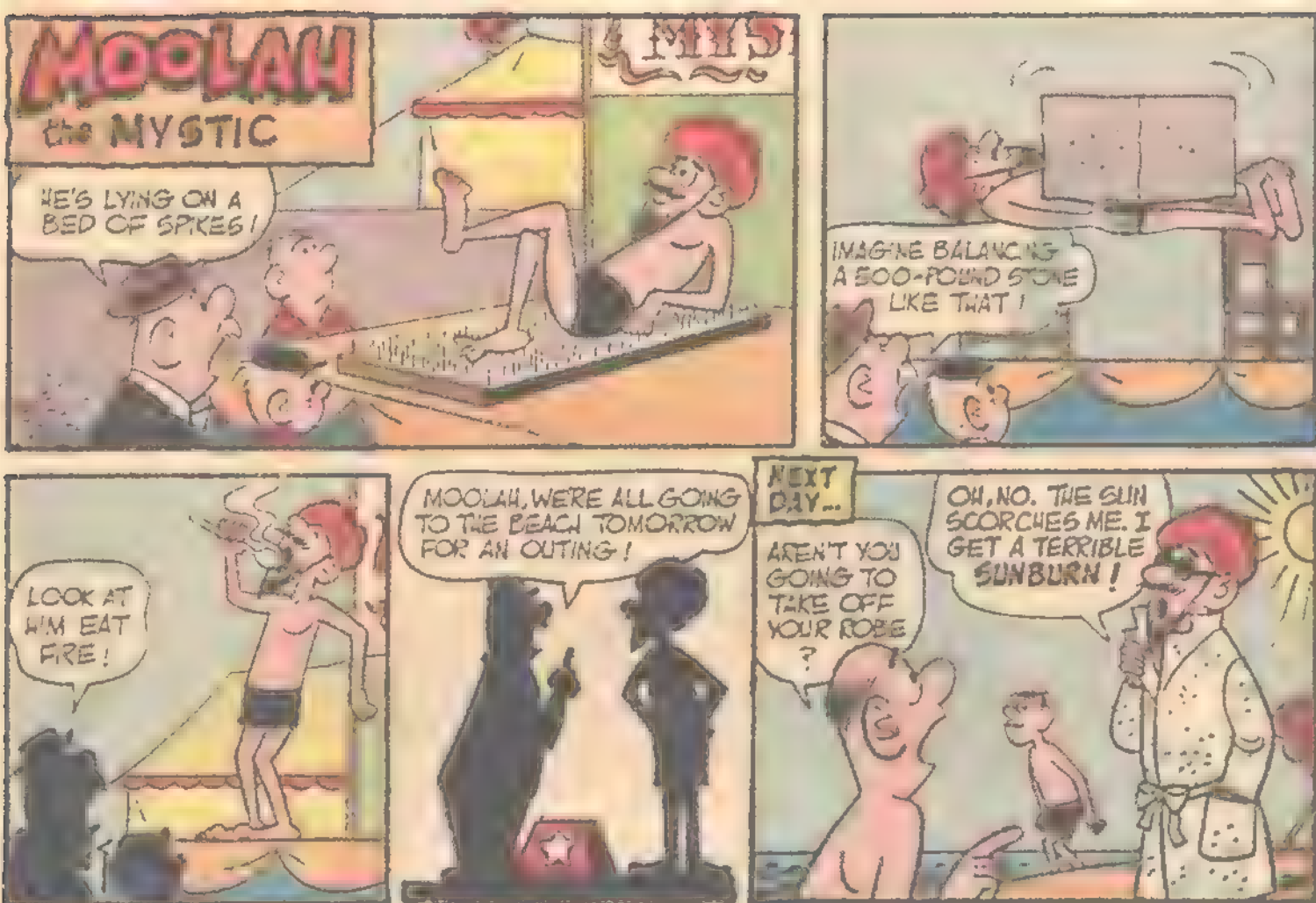
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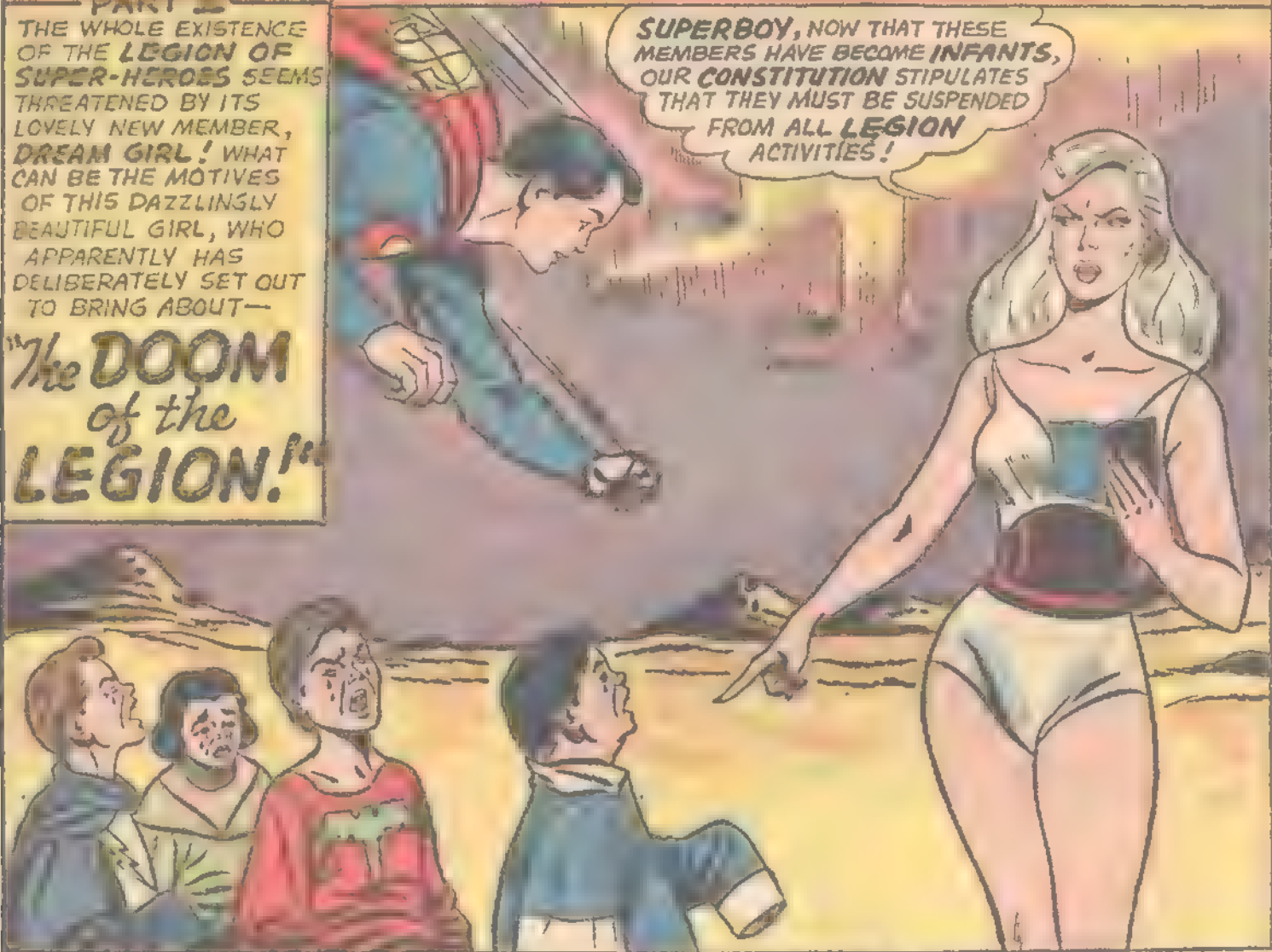
TALES OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES

PART II

THE WHOLE EXISTENCE OF THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** SEEMS THREATENED BY ITS LOVELY NEW MEMBER, **DREAM GIRL**! WHAT CAN BE THE MOTIVES OF THIS DAZZLINGLY BEAUTIFUL GIRL, WHO APPARENTLY HAS DELIBERATELY SET OUT TO BRING ABOUT—

"The DOOM of the LEGION!"

SUPERBOY, NOW THAT THESE MEMBERS HAVE BECOME **INFANTS**, OUR **CONSTITUTION** STIPULATES THAT THEY MUST BE SUSPENDED FROM ALL **LEGION** ACTIVITIES!



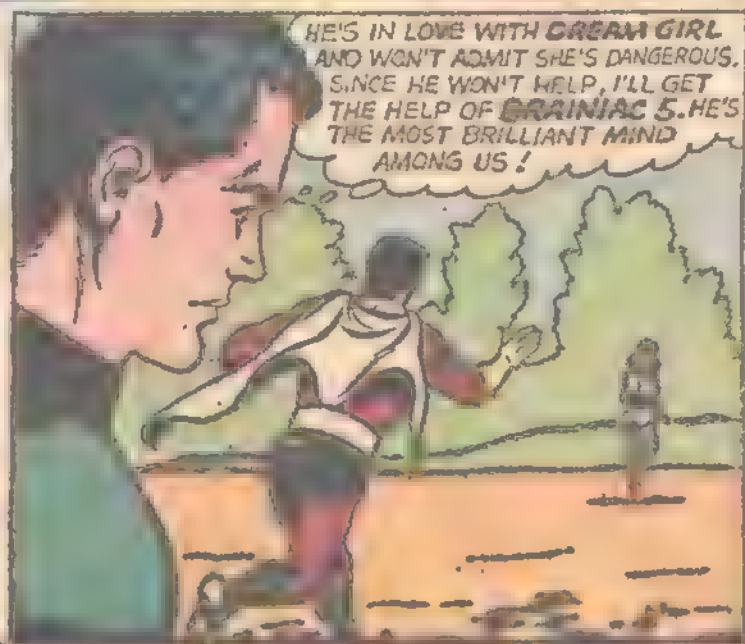
CRUSHED BY **DREAM GIRL**'S RUTHLESS BEHAVIOR, **STAR BOY** STILL DEFENDS HER...

DREAM GIRL HAS TURNED INTO A **NIGHTMARE**! WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT HER OR SHE'LL WRECK THE **LEGION**!

NO, MATTER-EATER LAD! IT'S JUST TEMPERAMENT, THAT'S ALL! I'LL FOLLOW HER AND REASON WITH HER...



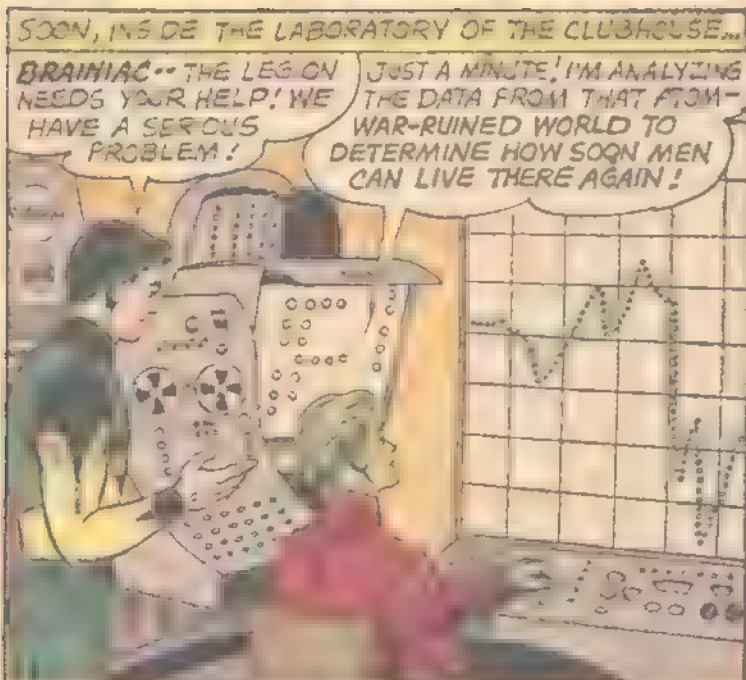
HE'S IN LOVE WITH **DREAM GIRL** AND WON'T ADMIT SHE'S DANGEROUS. SINCE HE WON'T HELP, I'LL GET THE HELP OF **BRAINIAC 5**. HE'S THE MOST BRILLIANT MIND AMONG US!



SOON, INSIDE THE LABORATORY OF THE CLUBHOUSE...

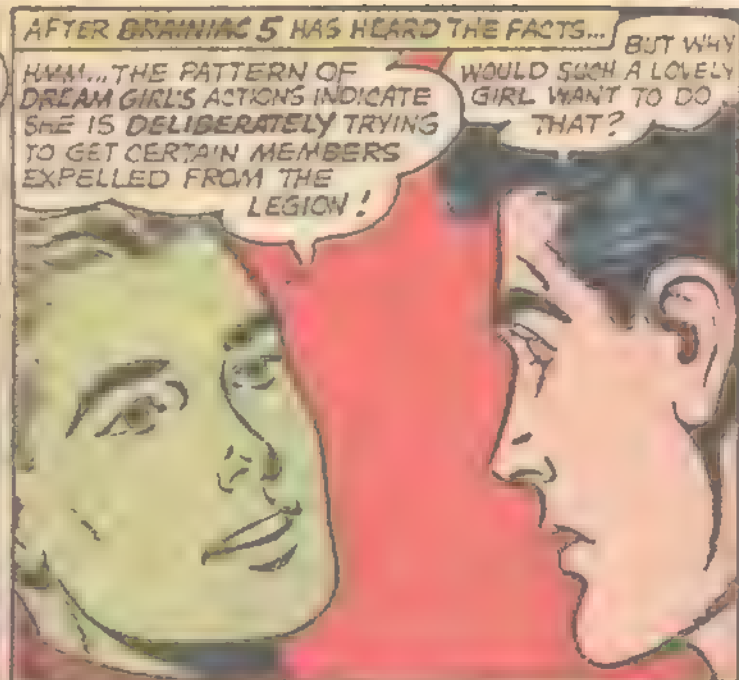
BRAINIAC--THE LEG ON NEEDS YOUR HELP! WE HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM!

JUST A MINUTE! I'M ANALYZING THE DATA FROM THAT ATOM-WAR-RUINED WORLD TO DETERMINE HOW SOON MEN CAN LIVE THERE AGAIN!



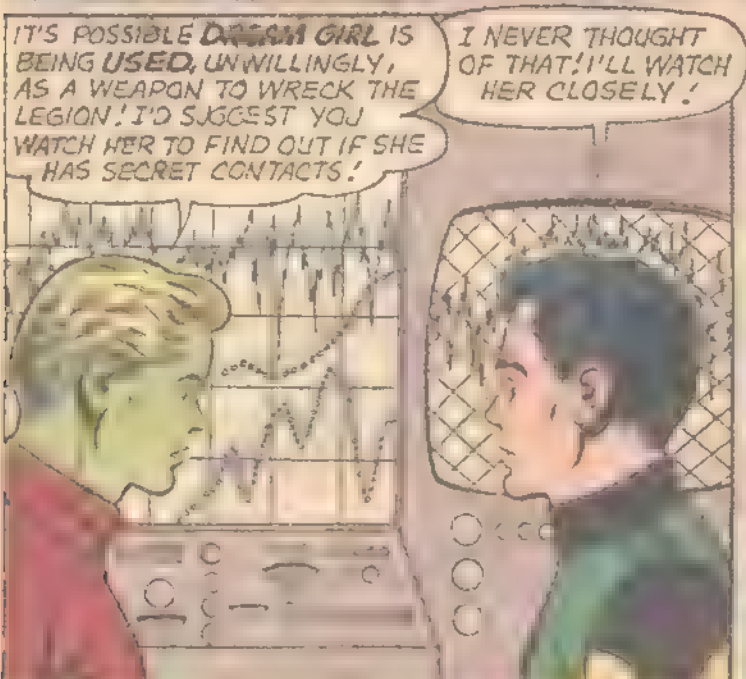
AFTER **BRAINIAC 5** HAS HEARD THE FACTS... BUT WHY WOULD SUCH A LOVELY GIRL WANT TO DO THAT?

HMM...THE PATTERN OF **DREAM GIRL**'S ACTIONS INDICATE SHE IS **DELIBERATELY** TRYING TO GET CERTAIN MEMBERS EXPELLED FROM THE LEGION!



IT'S POSSIBLE **DREAM GIRL** IS BEING **USED**, UNWILLINGLY, AS A WEAPON TO WRECK THE LEGION! I'D SUGGEST YOU WATCH HER TO FIND OUT IF SHE HAS SECRET CONTACTS!

I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT! I'LL WATCH HER CLOSELY!



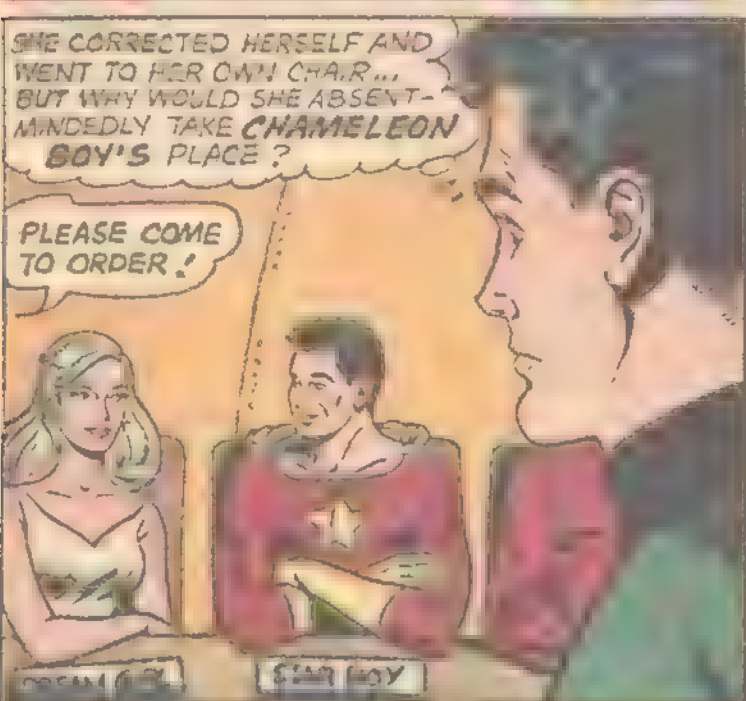
AND AT THE NEXT MEETING, THE VIGILANT **MATTER-EATER LAD** NOTICES SOMETHING!

ODD! **DREAM GIRL** STARTED TO SIT DOWN IN THE CHAIR OF **CHAMELEON BOY**, WHO'S ON A SPACE MISSION... AND THEN SHE STOPPED!



SHE CORRECTED HERSELF AND WENT TO HER OWN CHAIR... BUT WHY WOULD SHE ABSENT-MINDEDLY TAKE **CHAMELEON BOY**'S PLACE?

PLEASE COME TO ORDER!



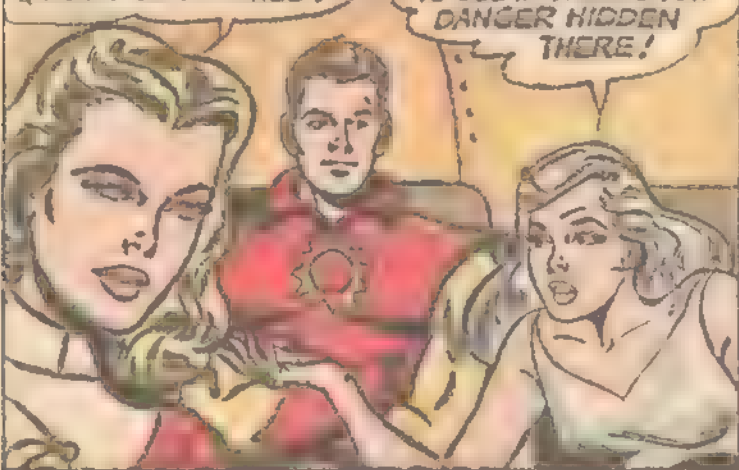
THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS ARE ASSIGNED! **DREAM GIRL**, YOU'LL GO ASSIST THE OFFICIALS OF THE PLANET **VONDRA** IN THEIR PLANETARY CENSUS...THEY'VE ASKED FOR AID!

THAT DULL ASSIGNMENT WILL KEEP **DREAM GIRL** AWAY FROM THE OTHERS AND STOP THIS TROUBLE!



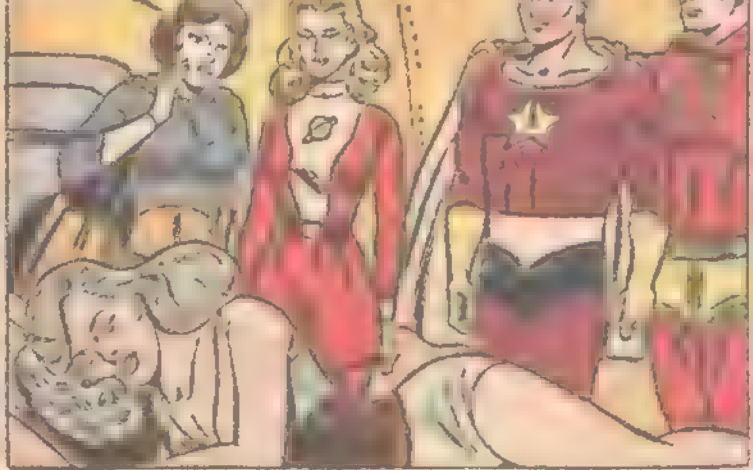
STAR BOY AND I, TOGETHER WITH SOME OTHER LEGIONNAIRES, WILL RETURN TO THAT PLANET RUINED BY AN ATOMIC WAR. WITH SEVERAL OF US ASSISTING, THE RESEARCH MISSION WILL QUICKLY BE FINISHED!

WAIT, PLEASE! I'VE A PREMONITION ABOUT THAT PLANET VONDRA! I WANT TO TRY DREAMING ITS IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY DANGER HIDDEN THERE!

A panel showing Star Boy in a red suit with a yellow star on the chest, sitting and talking to a blonde woman (Dream Girl) and another woman. They are in a room with a yellow background.

AND AS DREAM GIRL GOES INTO HER STRANGE SLEEP, SHE'S ONLY STALLING, SO SHE WON'T HAVE TO GO ON THAT CENSUS MISSION... SHE WANTS TO MAKE MORE TROUBLE IN THE LEGION!

QUIET, TRIPPLICATE GIRL... SHE'S AWAKENING!

A panel showing Dream Girl lying down, seemingly asleep. Star Boy and other Legionnaires are standing around her, looking concerned. One woman is holding her hand.

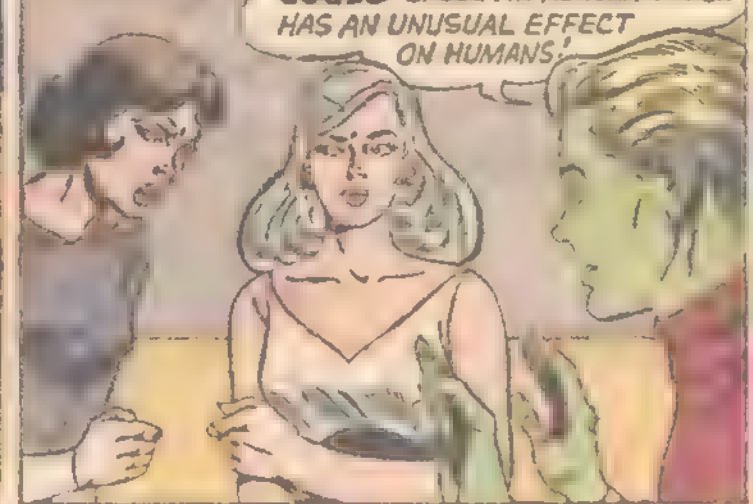
DREAM GIRL, WHAT IS IT? WHAT DID YOUR DREAM TELL YOU ABOUT VONDRA?

I SAW A STRANGE VALLEY WITH AN ETERNAL AURORA. THE AURORA IS A FEARFUL MENACE!

A panel showing Dream Girl sitting up and talking to Star Boy. She has a surprised expression on her face.

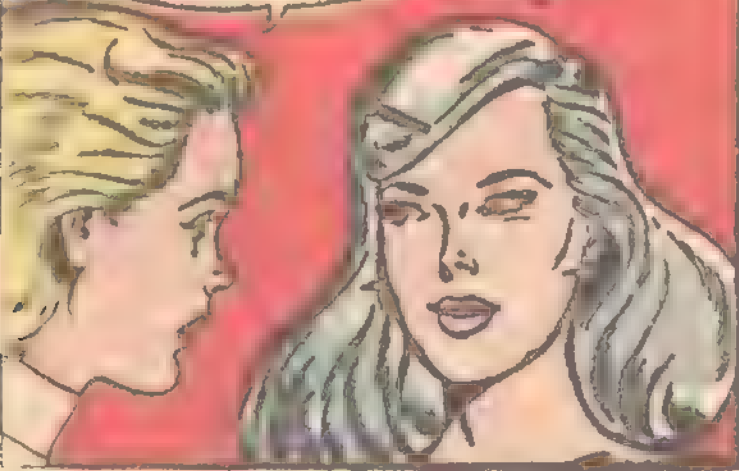
SHE'S MAKING IT UP! I NEVER HEARD OF AN AURORA VALLEY ON THAT WORLD!

WAIT! I'VE STUDIED DATA CONCERNING THAT PLANET! ACCORDING TO MY SPECTRO-ANALYSIS, THE REFRACTION OF THE ATMOSPHERE THERE COULD CAUSE AN AURORA WHICH HAS AN UNUSUAL EFFECT ON HUMANS!

A panel showing Star Boy and other Legionnaires sitting around a table, looking at Dream Girl. They appear to be in a meeting or discussion.

IF THERE'S A CHANCE THAT VONDRA IS DANGEROUS, DREAM GIRL SHOULD NOT GO THERE ALONE. I SUGGEST SHE PICK THREE LEGIONNAIRE VOLUNTEERS TO ACCOMPANY HER!

FINE! I'LL GET BOUNCING BOY AND SOME OTHERS AND TAKE THEM ALONG WITH ME!

A panel showing Star Boy and Dream Girl in a close-up conversation. Star Boy is on the left, looking at Dream Girl on the right.

AS DREAM GIRL LEAVES THE CLUBHOUSE...

I'LL BE TAKING OFF WITH STAR BOY AND THE OTHERS TO EXPLORE THAT WAR-RAVAGED PLANET. AFTER YOU FINISH YOUR MISSION, JOIN US THERE. THAT WAY WE'LL KNOW ALL OF YOU ARE SAFE!

SURE THING, SATURN GIRL!

A panel showing Dream Girl walking away from a group of Legionnaires. She is looking back over her shoulder. The background is a simple outdoor setting.

PRESENTLY, AT THE SCIENCE ACADEMY MICROFILM LIBRARY...

A SPECIAL MISSION, LIGHTNING LAD. YOU, BOUNCING BOY, SHRINKING VIOLET AND ULTRA BOY ARE TO ACCOMPANY ME TO VONDRA!

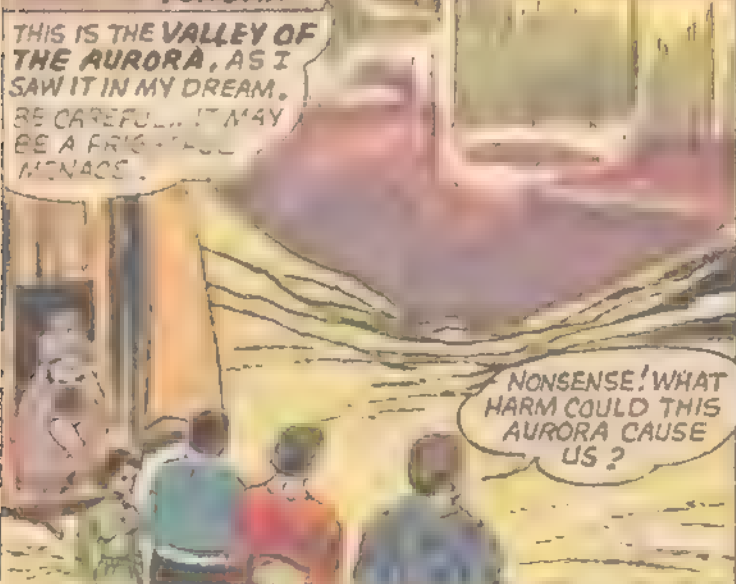
DREAM GIRL--
WHAT'S UP?



A QUICK ROCKET-RIDE THROUGH OUTER SPACE, AND SOON THE FOUR LEGIONNAIRES LAND ON THE REMOTE PLANET OF VONDRA...

THIS IS THE VALLEY OF THE AURORA, AS I SAW IT IN MY DREAM. BE CAREFUL... IT MAY BE A FRIGID MENACE.

NONSENSE! WHAT HARM COULD THIS AURORA CAUSE US?



BUT ONLY MOMENTS LATER...
WHAT... SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO ME...



THEN, A SHOCKING TRANSFORMATION!

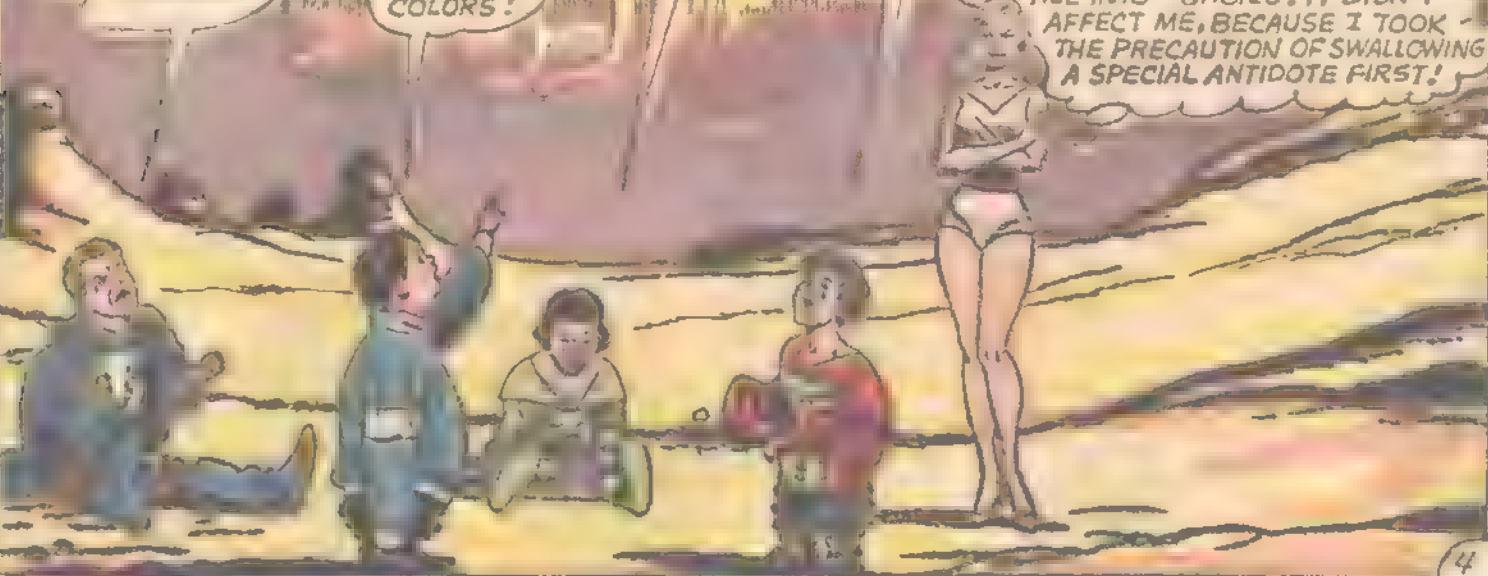
WAASH... ME HUNGRY!

LOOK! PRETTY COLORS!

ME MAKE AND PIE!

MOMMY! ME WANT MY MOMMY!

IT WORKED... JUST AS I KNEW IT WOULD. THE RADIATIONS FROM THE AURORA HAS TRANSFORMED THEM, ALL INTO--BABIES! IT DIDN'T AFFECT ME, BECAUSE I TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF SWALLOWING A SPECIAL ANTIDOTE FIRST!



MINUTES LATER, A FAMILIAR RED AND BLUE COSTUMED FIGURE APPEARS--**SUPERBOY...** I WARNED THEM, GREAT SCOTT! FOUR OF THE LEGIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN TURNED INTO--**DABIES!** WHAT HAPPENED, **DREAM GIRL?**

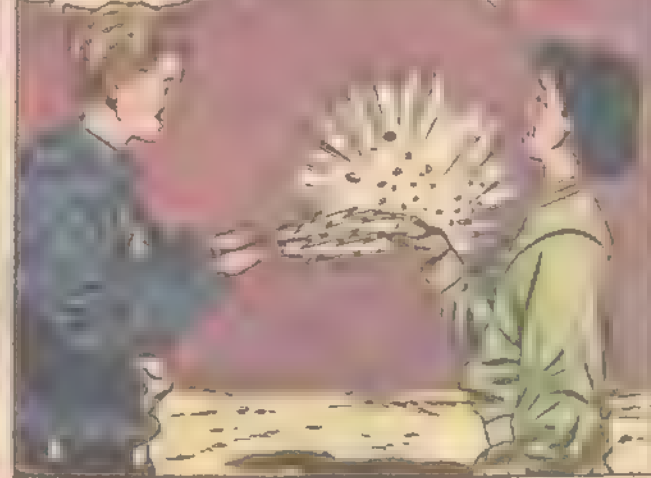
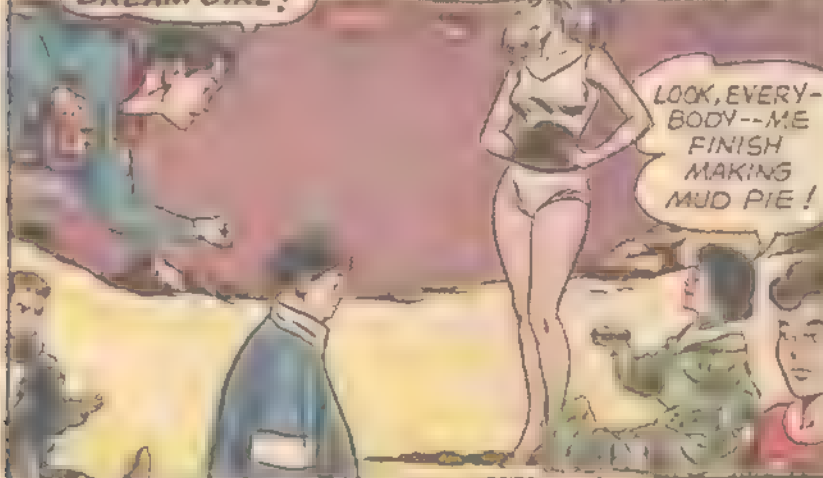
BUT THEY WOULDN'T LISTEN. IT SERVES THEM RIGHT! AND WATCH OUT--YOU MAY BECOME A SUPER-INFANT!

LOOK, EVERYBODY--ME FINISH MAKING MUD PIE!

SUDDENLY, AS **LIGHTNING TOT** SPIES **SHRINKING VIOLET'S** HAND-MADE CREATION...

HA! HA! ME SPOIL YOUR MUD PIE!

WAASH! ME TELL MY MOMMY ON YOU, YOU NAUGHTY BOY!

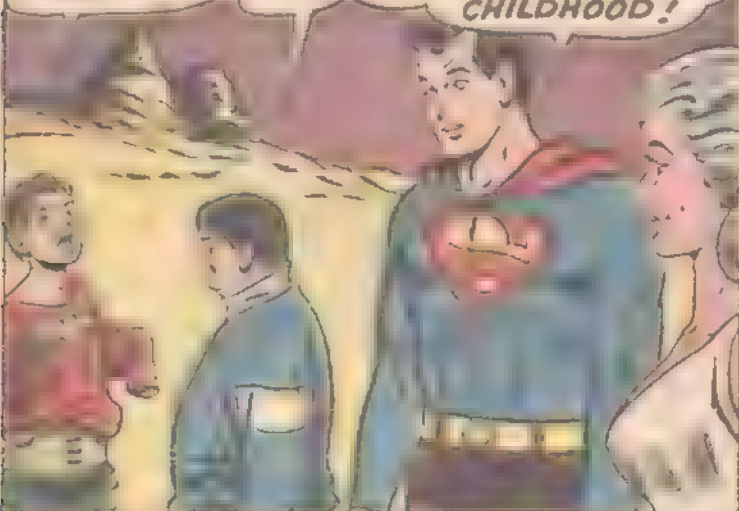


AS **ULTRA CHILD** JOINS THE CHORUS OF WALLS...

ME WANT TO PLAY BALL! PLAY WITH ME, SOMEBODY!

ME PLAY WITH YOU!

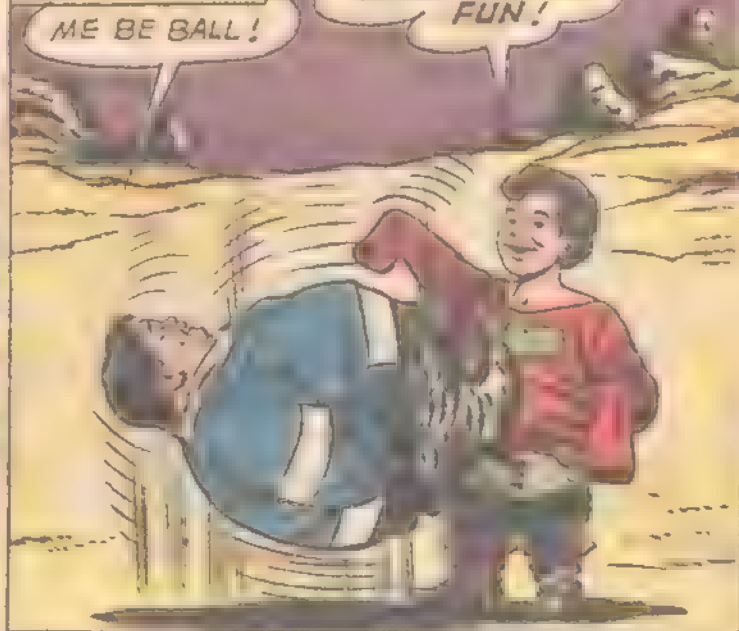
GREAT KRYPTON--OUR FORMER LEGIONNAIRE COMRADES ARE ACTING AS IF THEY WERE IN THEIR **SECOND CHILDHOOD!**



NEXT MOMENT...

ME BE BALL!

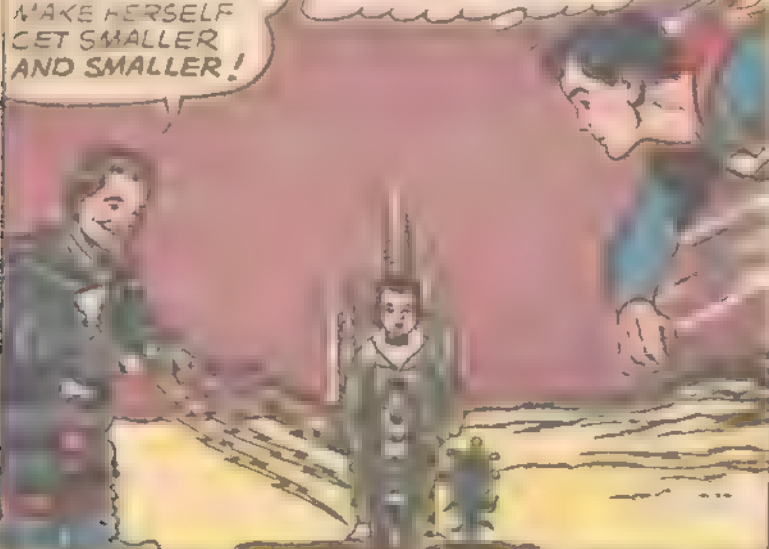
WHEE! THIS AM FUN!



AS **LIGHTNING TOT** CONTINUES TO TEASE **SHRINKING VIOLET...**

HA! HA! ME SCARE HER SO MUCH SHE MAKE HERSELF GET SMALLER AND SMALLER!

THE POOR THING! I'LL HAVE TO GUARD HER FROM HIS CHILDISH PRANKS!



MOMENTS LATER...

THERE, THERE, **SHRINKING VIOLET**, YOU'RE SAFE NOW. I'LL PROTECT YOU! NOW YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR NORMAL SIZE!

I--I CAN'T! I FORGOT HOW TO MAKE MYSELF GROW!



LATER...

HMM...MY MICROSCOPIC VISION DETECTS TINY DROPS OF A **YOUTH ELIXIR** IN THAT AURORA. THAT'S WHAT MADE OUR FOUR COMRADES SO YOUNG. IT DIDN'T WORK ON ME BECAUSE I'M AFFECTED ONLY BY KRYPTONITE. BUT WHY DIDN'T IT TURN YOU INTO A BABY, TOO?

ER...I DON'T KNOW, **SUPERBOY**...

...BUT I DO KNOW, ACCORDING TO OUR CONSTITUTION, THAT **SHAKING VIOLET** AND THE OTHER THREE **MUST BE SUSPENDED FROM ALL LEGION ACTIVITIES!** CLAUSE 33-B SAYS: "IF A LEGIONNAIRE BECOMES PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY UNFIT TO PERFORM HIS DUTIES, HE MUST REMAIN UNDER OBSERVATION IN THE **SCIENCE HOSPITAL** FOR ONE YEAR."

PRESENTLY, AS THEY LEAVE THE ILL-FATED VALLEY AND HEAD BACK TO EARTH... NOW STOP BAWLING, KIDS, AND I'LL USE MY SUPER-SPEED TO CUT OUT A PAPER DOLL FOR EACH OF YOU!

...**DREAM GIRL** CALLING **SATURN GIRL** IN WORLD BL 2 IN SPACE SECTOR 487...AM RETURNING TO EARTH, DUE TO SUDDEN EMERGENCY. SUGGEST YOU AND YOUR SQUAD RETURN IMMEDIATELY!

I'M CERTAIN **DREAM GIRL** IS UP TO SOMETHING! BUT I'VE GOT TO PLAY NURSE-MAID TO THESE CRY-BABIES!

WAAGH! BOO-HOO!

AS **DREAM GIRL'S** MESSAGE IS RECEIVED BY THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES... WHAT ROTTEN LUCK! JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO TAKE A SERIES OF PICTURES OF THIS BEAST! IT'S A BIZARRE MUTATION OF A FORMER ANIMAL OF THIS WORLD, CHANGED BY THE FALLOUT RADIATION!

...AND YOUR SQUAD RETURN IMMEDIATELY!

WE MUST HEAD BACK FOR EARTH AT ONCE! MY TELEPATHIC THOUGHT-CASTING POWER DETECTS THAT SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED TO OUR FOUR COMRADES WITH **DREAM GIRL!**



AT INCREDIBLE VELOCITY, THE LEGIONNAIRES HURTLE BACK TO EARTH, AND WHEN THEIR SHIP LANDS AT THE METROPOLIS SPACEPORT...

WELCOME BACK, **MATTER-EATER LAD!** WILL YOU PLEASE SIGN THE SPACEPORT LOG FOR YOUR GROUP AND ENTER THE TIME OF YOUR ARRIVAL!

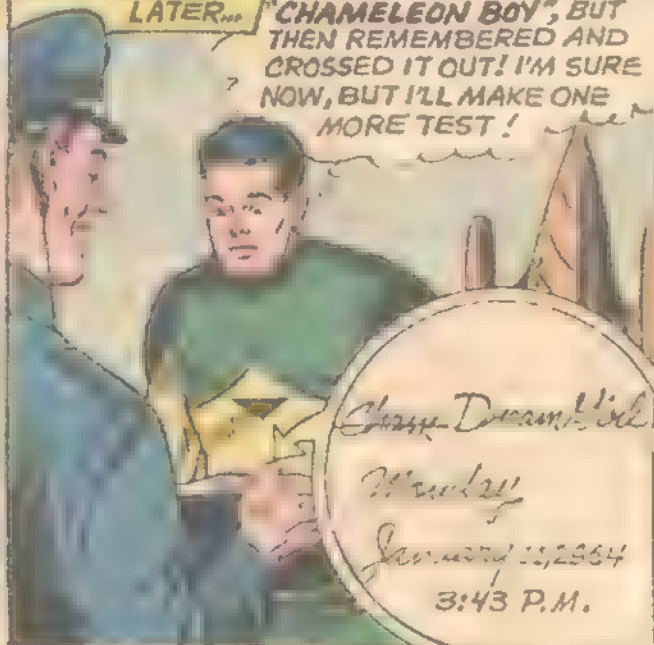
OF COURSE, CAPTAIN!

HMM... **DREAM GIRL** SIGNED IN AHEAD OF US, AND HER SIGNATURE LOOKS FISHY!



AND A MOMENT LATER...

SHE STARTED TO WRITE "**CHAMELEON BOY**", BUT THEN REMEMBERED AND CROSSED IT OUT! I'M SURE NOW, BUT I'LL MAKE ONE MORE TEST!



Charm Dream Girl
Monday
January 12, 2964
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AND A LITTLE LATER, WHEN THE LEGIONNAIRES RETURN TO THEIR CLUBHOUSE...

CHAMELEON BOY!

WHAT... I MEAN...
SUN CLUBHOUSE



YOU ARE **CHAMELEON BOY**, USING YOUR POWER OF SUPER-DISGUISE! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? WHO'S USING YOU TO BREAK UP THE LEGION?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!



YOU CAN'T FOOL ME ANY LONGER... YOU GAVE YOURSELF AWAY THREE TIMES! CONFESS, **CHAMELEON BOY!**

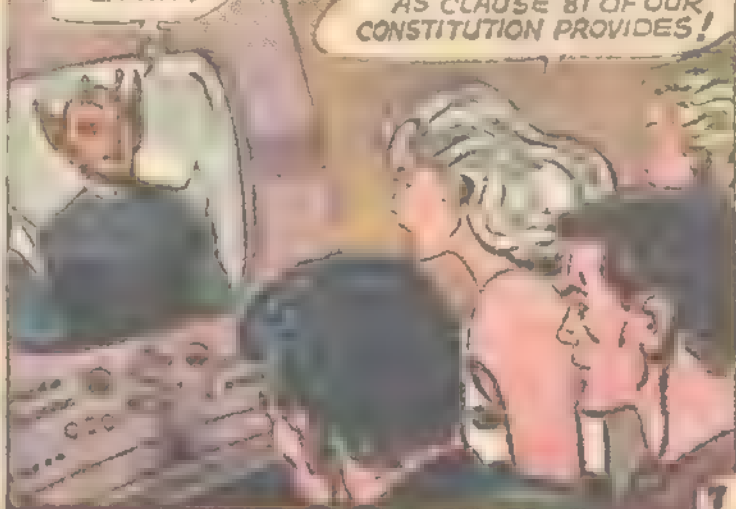
HOW CAN SHE BE **CHAMELEON BOY** WHEN HE'S ON A MISSION IN FAR SPACE? IF WE CAN GET A CALL THROUGH TO HIM, THAT WILL PROVE IT!

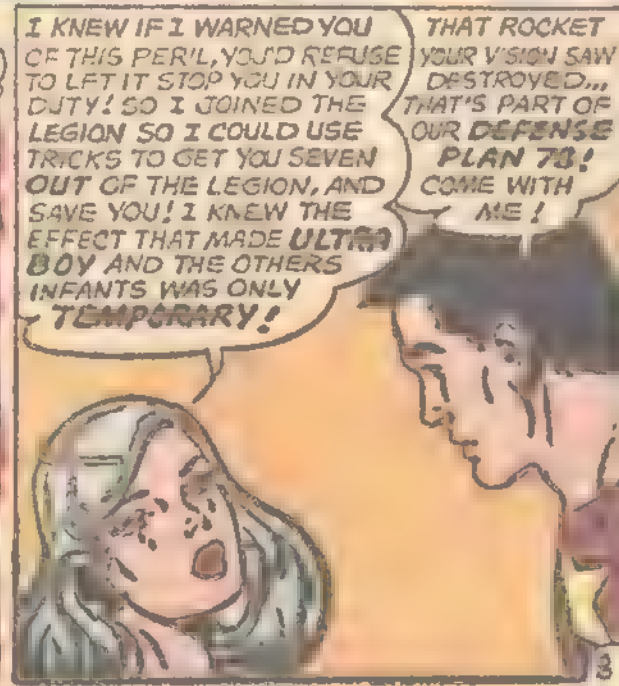
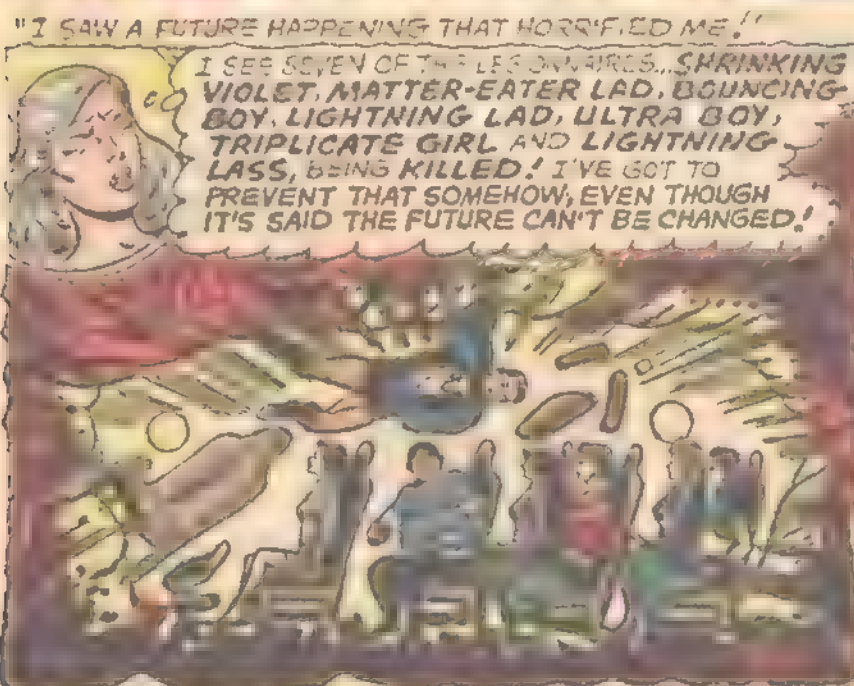
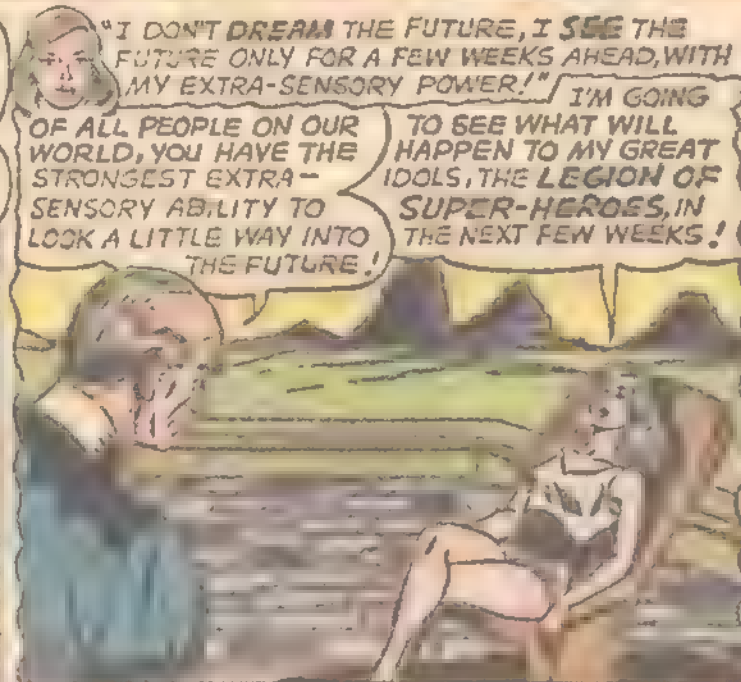
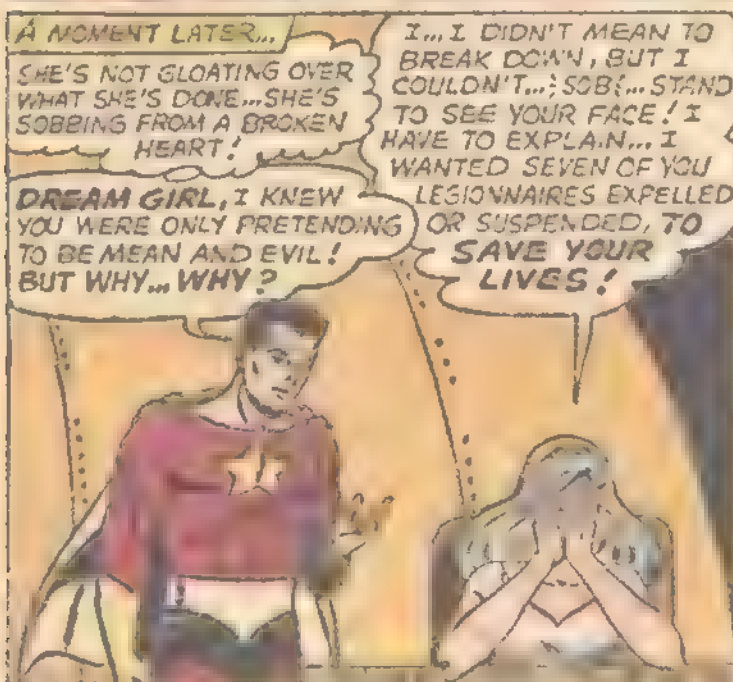
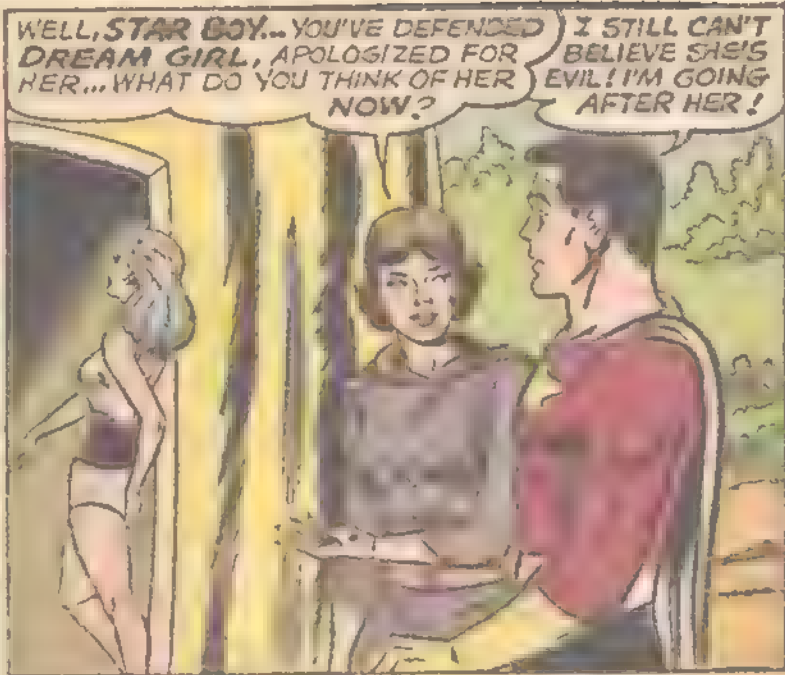
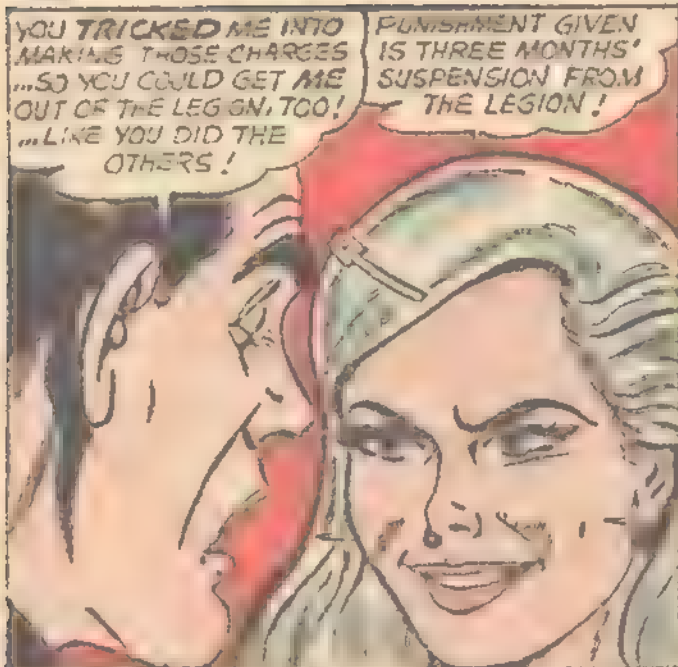


AND SOON, IN THE CLUBHOUSE...

I FINALLY GOT BACK WITHIN REACH OF YOUR CALLS! MY MISSION IS FINISHED, AND I'M ON MY WAY BACK TO EARTH!

YOU SEE? I DEMAND THAT **MATTER-EATER LAD** BE PUNISHED FOR MAKING FALSE CHARGES AGAINST A FELLOW-LEGIONNAIRE, AS CLAUSE 81 OF OUR CONSTITUTION PROVIDES!





AND SOON, IN A LEGION SHIP RUSHING OUT TOWARD THE ASTEROID ZONE...

AS ONE OF OUR DEFENSE PLANS, WE KEEP A ROCKET MANNED BY SEVEN LIFELESS ANDROID DOUBLES OF US HIDDEN IN THE ASTEROIDS! IT'S A TRICK WE USE TO CONFUSE SPACE-CRIMINALS WHEN WE'RE ROUNDING THEM UP!

YOU MEAN... THAT'S WHAT I SAW DESTROYED? I DIDN'T KNOW... BUT MAYBE WE CAN STILL SAVE IT...

BUT A LITTLE LATER... TOO LATE! A LITTLE METEOR HIT AND EXPLODED THE FUEL TANKS OF OUR DUMMY SHIP!

JUST AS I SAW IT IN MY TIME-VISION! THE FUTURE CAN'T BE CHANGED... BUT IT WAS ONLY LIFELESS, ANDROID DOUBLES WHO WERE DESTROYED! IF ONLY I'D KNOW...

A WEEK LATER, BACK ON EARTH...

THE EFFECT THAT MADE BOUNCING BOY AND THE OTHERS INFANTS HAS WORN OFF, AS YOU KNEW IT WOULD! WE KNOW YOUR MOTIVES WERE GOOD, DREAM GIRL! AND TRIPPLICATE GIRL AND MATTER-EATER LAD HAVE BEEN RE-INSTATED! BUT I LOST MY POWER OF SUPER-LIGHTNING, SO I'M STILL EXPELLED!

NO! SINCE YOUR POWER WASN'T NEEDED, BECAUSE IT'S THE SAME AS THAT OF YOUR BROTHER, LIGHTNING LAD, I USED NALTORIAN SCIENCE TO CAUSE THAT ELECTRIC EXPLOSION WHICH CHANGED YOUR SUPER-POWER! TRY IT ON THE CLUBHOUSE...

WHY, WITH MY NEW POWER I MADE THE WHOLE CLUBHOUSE SO SUPER-LIGHTWEIGHT, I CAN LIFT IT!

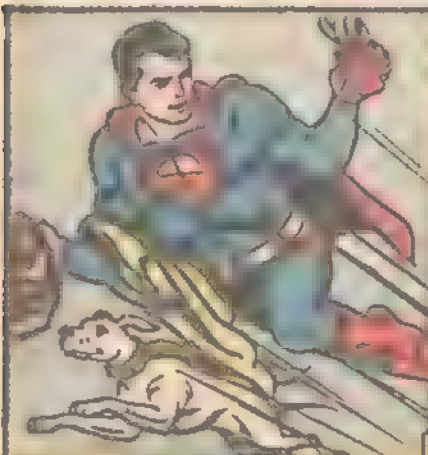
SINCE YOU CAN NOW MAKE ANYTHING SUPER-LIGHT TEMPORARILY, YOU WILL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS LIGHT LASS! BUT I, WHO ENTERED THE LEGION BY A TRICK, MUST NOW RESIGN AND LEAVE! YOU AND THE OTHERS WILL HAVE TO CAPTURE THE TIME-TRAPPER!

DREAM GIRL, YOU'LL NEVER FORGET YOU! WILL YOU COME BACK SOME DAY?

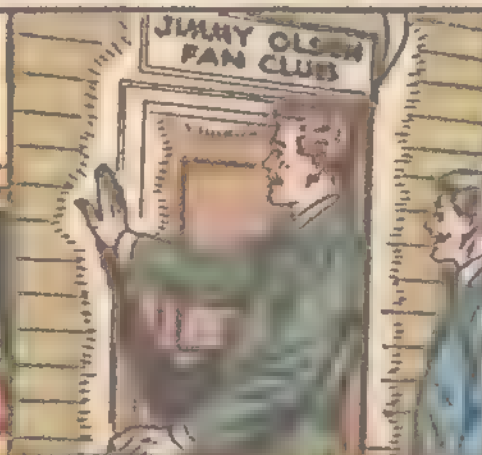
MAYBE IF I PERFECT MY TIME-SIGHT POWER FURTHER, I COULD RETURN AND APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AGAIN! MAYBE...

COMING SOON--A DUEL BETWEEN THE LEGIONNAIRES AND THE TIME-TRAPPER!

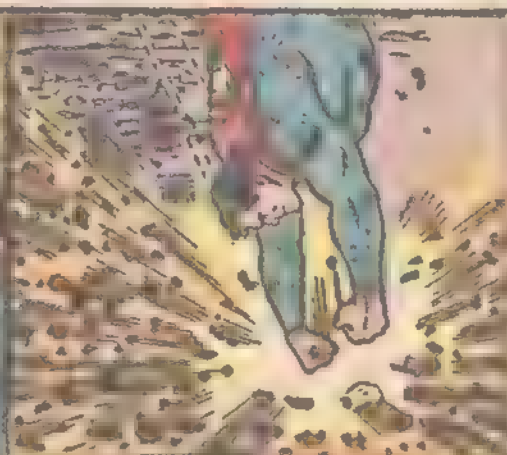
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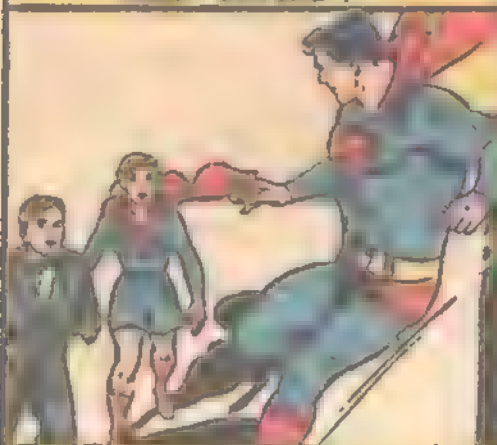
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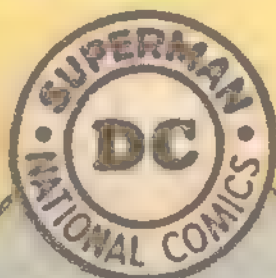
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Over the years, thousands of readers have hopefully written us asking how they could obtain back issues of DC magazines, so that they could read the many wonderful and exciting stories which they had missed. Because our supply of back issues has long been exhausted, obviously we could not fulfill these requests.

Nor was it feasible to reprint these old stories in future Giant Annuals. All of our Annuals have a special theme, and too often a story published many years ago, even though excellent, does not fit into any particular category.

Therefore, to accommodate the legions of readers who missed the outstanding stories we published in yester-years, the editors of ADVENTURE COMICS launch with this issue a brand-new concept in comic magazines . . . the establishment of a "Hall of Fame" department in which we will reprint, from time to time, the greatest stories of past eras. Each of the stories will be a true classic, in that it has stood the acid test of time.

Our first selection, published in this issue, is "The Shrinking of Superboy." This story is a milestone in the Superman saga, because it marks the first time the Boy of Steel had ever been reduced to tiny size—even before BRAINIAC reduced the people of Kandor to puny size. Future selections will depend on letters from readers . . . or their parents, who may wish to request a memorable story they read when they were DC fans! We'll be anxious to learn your reaction to our new "Hall of Fame" classic policy!

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Dear Editor: Well, you did it! You topped the classic story, "Doom of the Super-Heroes." Edmond Hamilton really outdid himself when he wrote "The Super-Villains of All Ages." It was a master-stroke to bring Hitler, Nero and Dillinger to the future. To me, these villains from real life were much more credible than the fictional variety we see in your competitors' magazines. By all means keep Mr. Hamilton busy turning out more masterpieces like this one!

Jerry Phillips, Torrance, Calif.

(We have not the slightest intention of letting Ed Hamilton stay idle. He'll be represented in the next issue with his greatest Legion story yet—a 30th Century version of "Mutiny on the Bounty." See what happens when six Legionnaires mutiny against their leader while on a mission in outer space.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Like most of your other readers, I enjoy watching the cute antics of Chameleon

Boy's pet, Protty II. (I was also an admirer of the original Protty, who sacrificed his life for Saturn Girl.) But one thing puzzles me. When Protty II changes himself into the shape of a human being, how is it possible for him to talk? After all, if he's a protoplasmic blob in his natural form, how can he utter words when he has no larynx, no voice box, etc.?

Merle S. Winston, St. Louis, Mo.

(When Protty II changes himself into the form of a human being, he moves his lips silently, to simulate speech—but really is communicating via telepathy. Ordinary humans who receive his telepathic messages imagine they are hearing his voice, particularly when they see his lips move.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I've got a great idea for a story. Why don't you give us a yarn in which Superboy goes into the past and tries to prevent the disaster at the Alamo?

Lane Tyson, Audubon, Pa.

(It would be a futile mission. As we've established in other stories, it is impossible for Superboy to change history. If he could avert catastrophes which have already occurred, he would have saved Krypton from exploding.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Isn't it time for SUPERBOY to encounter another variety of Kryptonite? May I suggest LIBERTY KRYPTONITE, which is red, white and blue? Your ingenious writers certainly should be able to do something with my idea.

Buddy Messer, Lodi, N.J.

(We hope you don't think we filched your idea, but you'll be startled to see a multi-colored Kryptonite featured on the cover of the February ACTION COMICS. It's "Jewel Kryptonite," derived from the Jewel Mountains of Krypton, and the effect it has on SUPERMAN is a story in itself!—Ed.)

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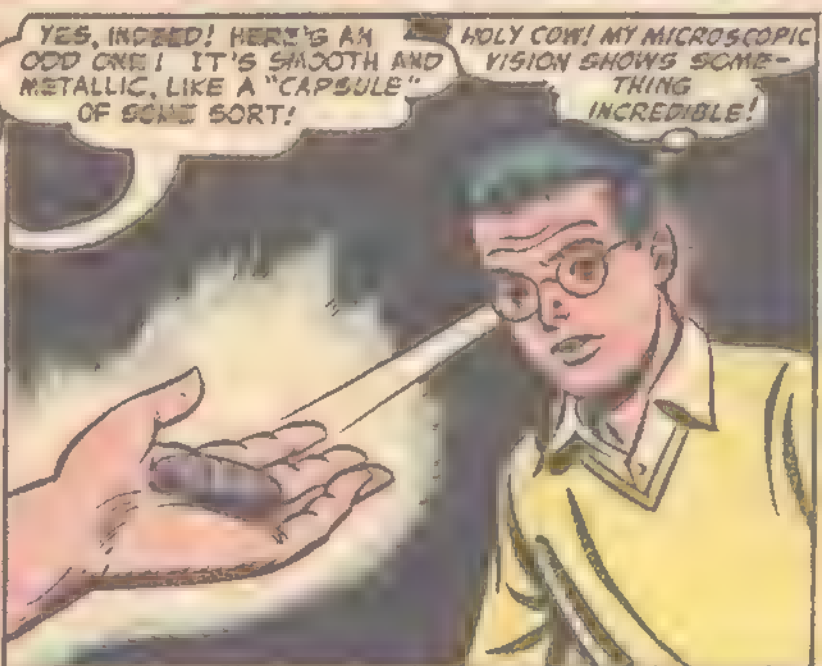
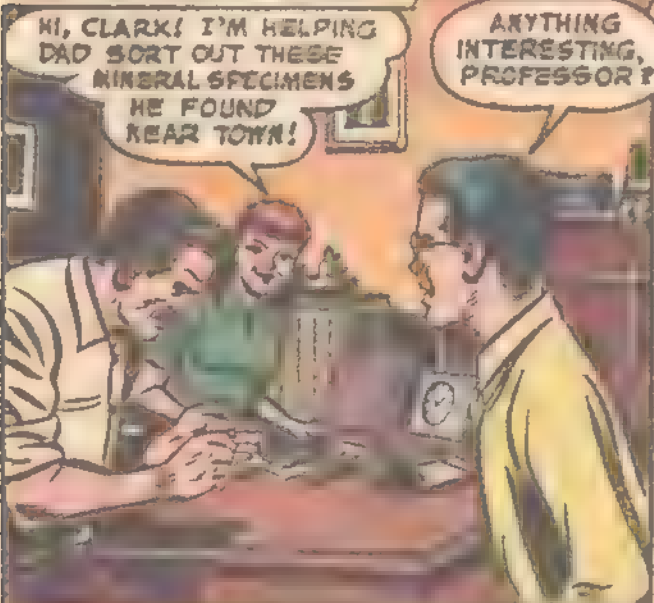
Dear Editor: I understand that Saturn Girl is the present leader of the Legion of Super-Heroes? When does her term expire, or does she hold this position for life? I'm a girl myself, but I can't see a girl commanding powerful heroes like Superboy, Mon-El and others. Can't you do something about this?

Dora Knight, Winnipeg, Canada.

(Patience! There's an annual Legion election coming up soon, and we think you'll be in for a surprise.—Ed.)

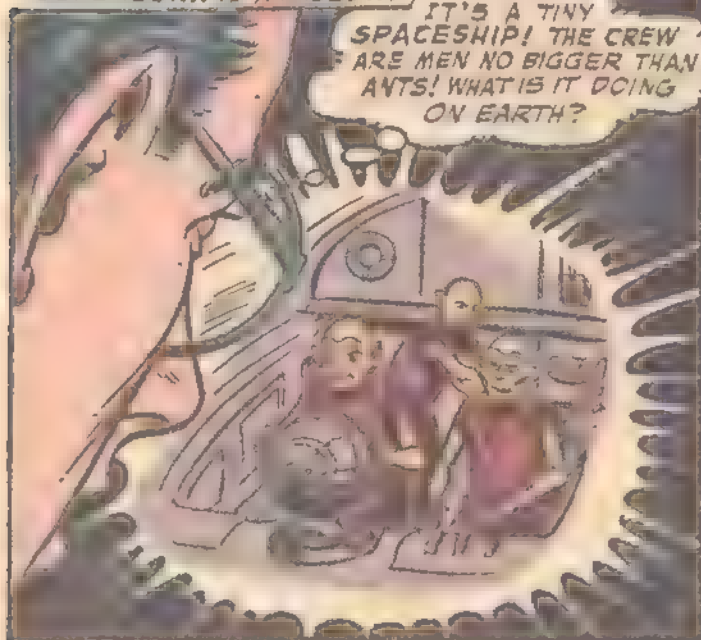


ONE DAY, AS CLARK KENT VISITS PROFESSOR LANG AND HIS DAUGHTER, LANA...



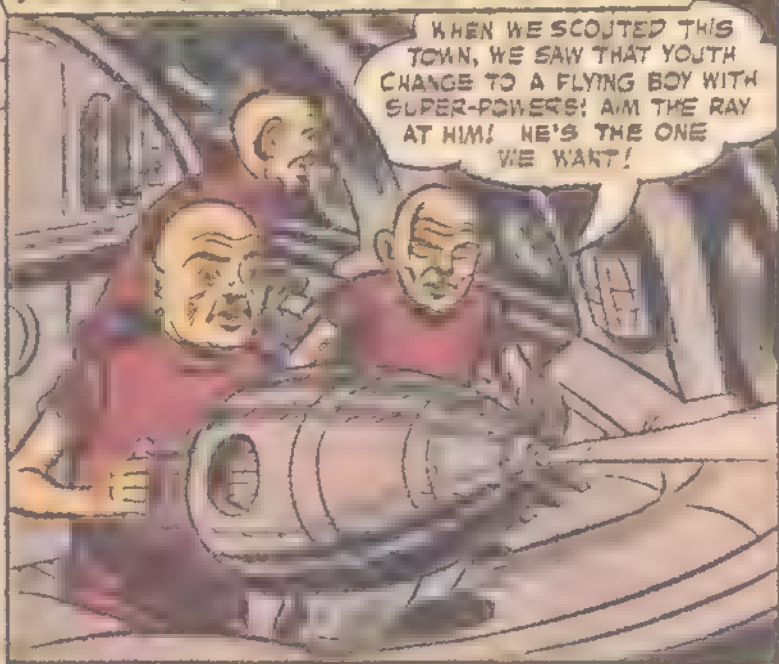


NO WONDER CLARK... WHO IS SECRETLY SUPERBOY... IS AMAZED...



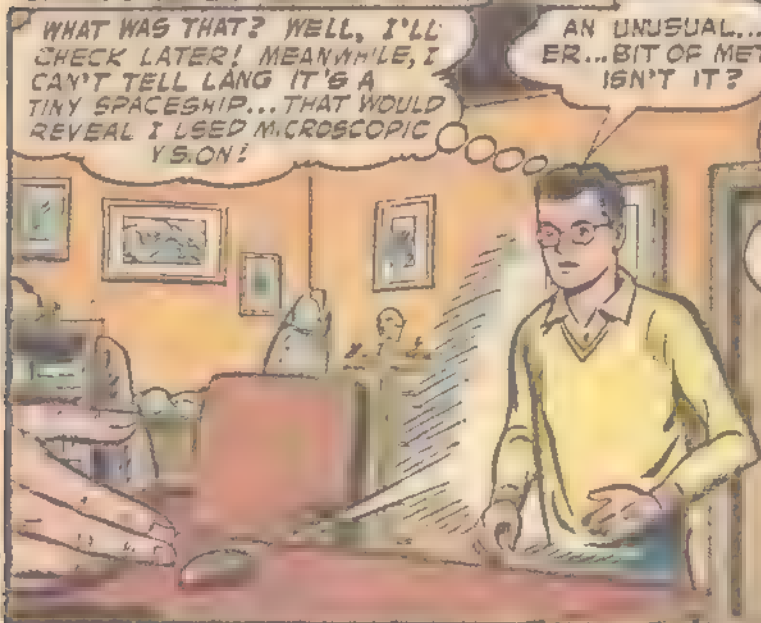
IT'S A TINY SPACESHIP! THE CREW ARE MEN NO BIGGER THAN ANTS! WHAT IS IT DOING ON EARTH?

THE MATURE MEN SEEM TO HAVE A SECRET PLOT!



WHEN WE SCOUTED THIS TOWN, WE SAW THAT YOUTH CHANGE TO A FLYING BOY WITH SUPER-POWERS! AM THE RAY AT HIM! HE'S THE ONE WE WANT!

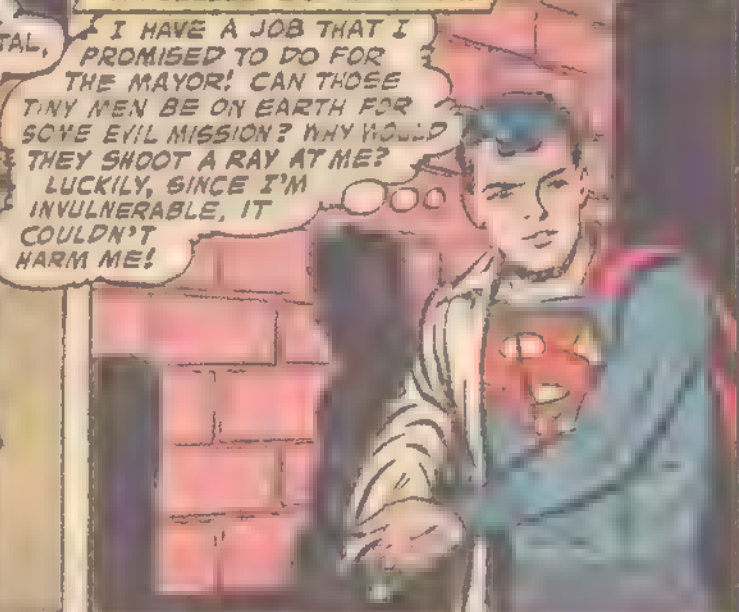
CLARK'S SUPER-SENSES DETECT THE RAY...



WHAT WAS THAT? WELL, I'LL CHECK LATER! MEANWHILE, I CAN'T TELL LONG IT'S A TINY SPACESHIP... THAT WOULD REVEAL I USED MICROSCOPIC VISION!

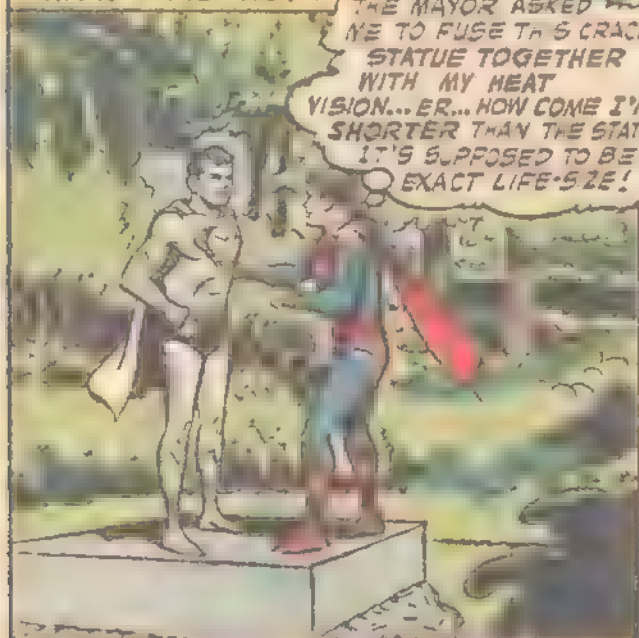
AN UNUSUAL... ER... BIT OF METAL, ISN'T IT?

ELSEWHERE IN SECLLS'ON, CLARK CHANGES TO A PUZZLED SUPERBOY...



I HAVE A JOB THAT I PROMISED TO DO FOR THE MAYOR! CAN THOSE TINY MEN BE ON EARTH FOR SOME EVIL MISSION? WHY WOULD THEY SHOOT A RAY AT ME? LUCKILY, SINCE I'M INVULNERABLE, IT COULDN'T HARM ME!

ARE YOU SURE, SUPERBOY? LATER IN THE PARK...



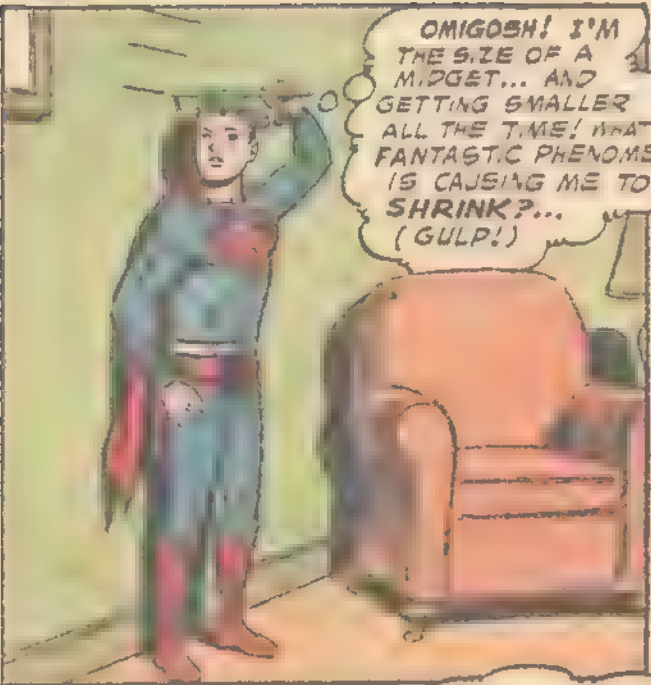
THE MAYOR ASKED ME TO FUSE THIS CRACKED STATUE TOGETHER WITH MY HEAT VISION... ER... HOW COME I'M SHORTER THAN THE STATUE? IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE EXACT LIFE-SIZE!

RETURNING HOME, THE BOY OF STEEL MEETS A GREATER SHOCK!

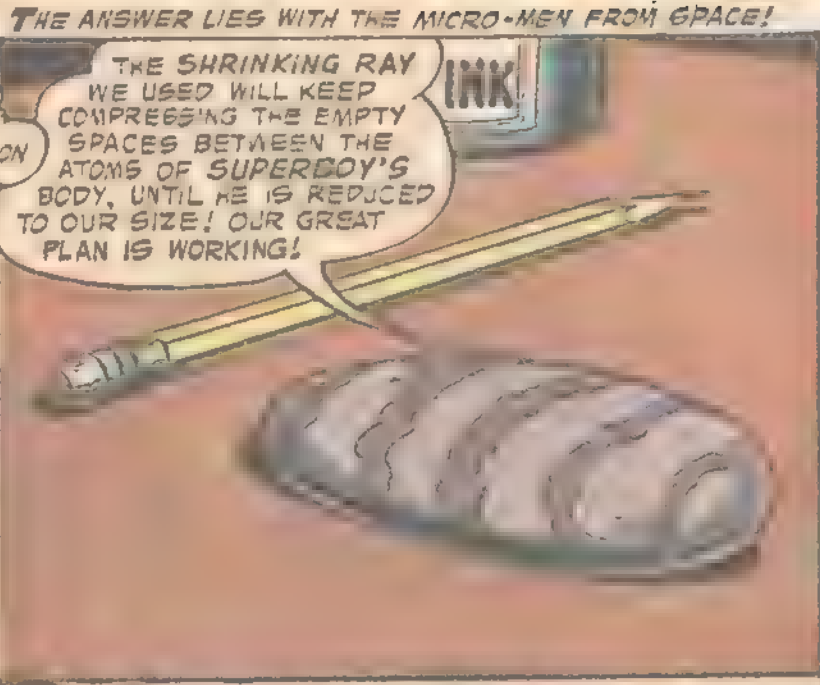


HI, MOM!

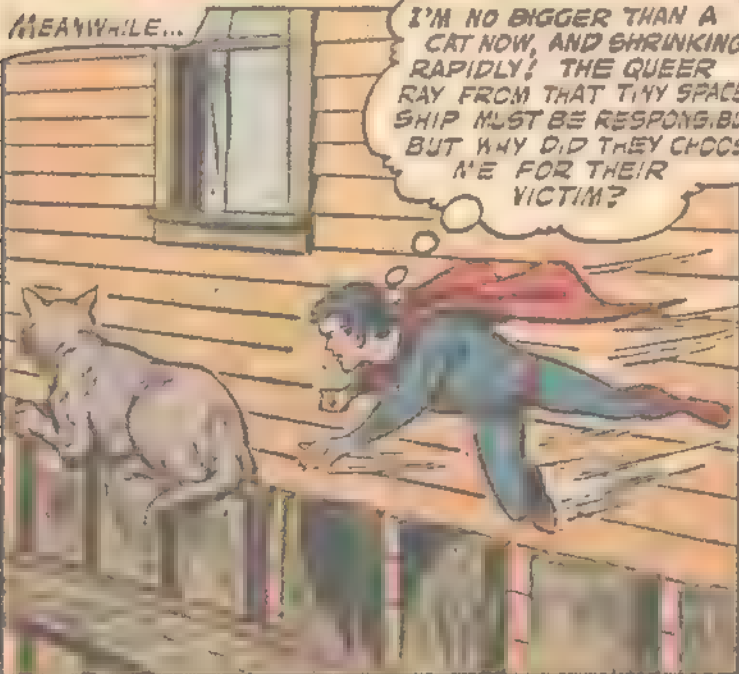
WHY, SON... I HAVE TO BEND TO KISS YOU! LAND SAKES! YOU... YOU'VE GROWN SMALLER!



OMIGOSH! I'M THE SIZE OF A MIDGET... AND GETTING SMALLER ALL THE TIME! WHAT FANTASTIC PHENOMENON IS CAUSING ME TO SHRINK?... (GULP!)



THE ANSWER LIES WITH THE MICRO-MEN FROM SPACE!
THE SHRINKING RAY WE USED WILL KEEP COMPRESSING THE EMPTY SPACES BETWEEN THE ATOMS OF SUPERBOY'S BODY, UNTIL HE IS REDUCED TO OUR SIZE! OUR GREAT PLAN IS WORKING!



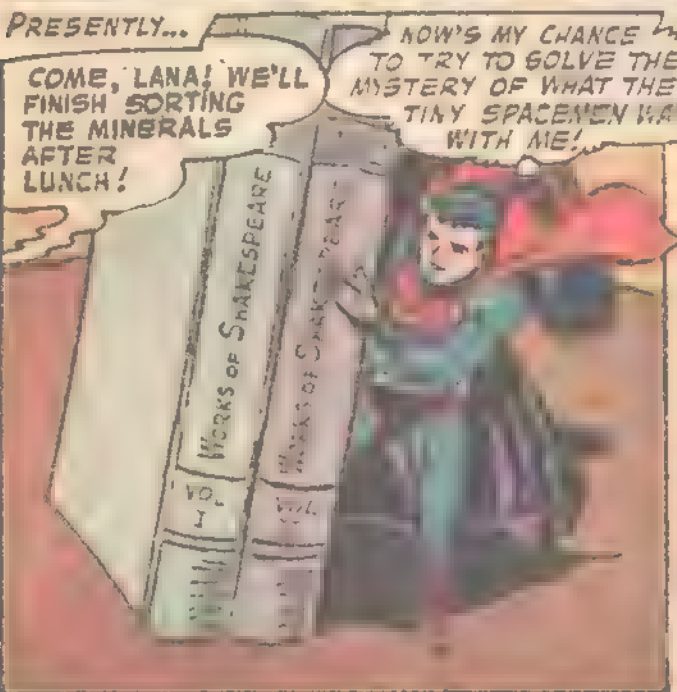
MEANWHILE...

I'M NO BIGGER THAN A CAT NOW, AND SHRINKING RAPIDLY! THE QUEER RAY FROM THAT TINY SPACE-SHIP MUST BE RESPONSIBLE! BUT WHY DID THEY CHOOSE ME FOR THEIR VICTIM?



SUPERBOY'S REDUCED SIZE IS A THREAT TO HIS SECRET IDENTITY!

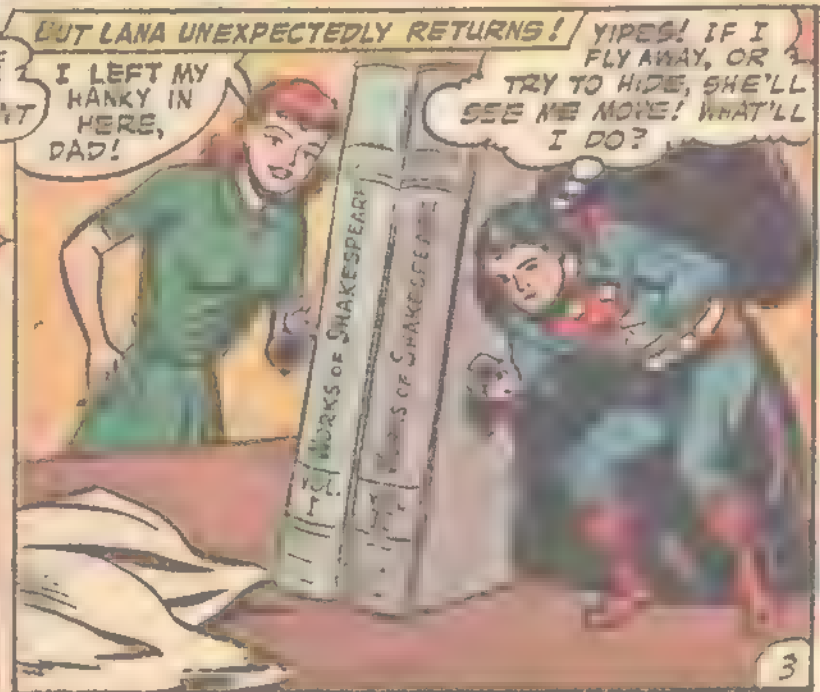
LANA HAS OFTEN TRIED TO PIN DOWN MY SECRET IDENTITY! IF I LET HER SEE ME IN SMALL SIZE, SHE'LL SURELY LOOK FOR CLARK KENT, TO SEE IF HE'S BEEN REDUCED, TOO! I'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL SHE LEAVES THE ROOM! OOOO!



PRESENTLY...

COME, LANA! WE'LL FINISH SORTING THE MINERALS AFTER LUNCH!

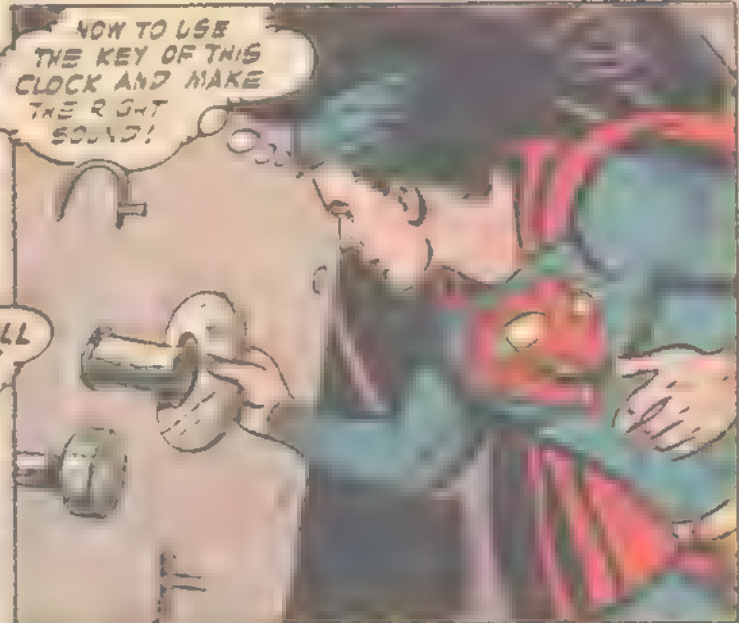
NOW'S MY CHANCE TO TRY TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF WHAT THE TINY SPACEMEN WANT WITH ME!



BUT LANA UNEXPECTEDLY RETURNS!

I LEFT MY HANKY IN HERE, DAD!

YIPES! IF I FLY AWAY, OR TRY TO HIDE, SHE'LL SEE ME MOVE! WHAT'LL I DO?





BUT HOW CAN SUPERBOY, SHRUNKEN TO TOY PROPORTIONS, BE OPERATING A MIDGET-TYPE-WRITER? WELL, TAKE A LOOK IN CLARK'S ROOM...

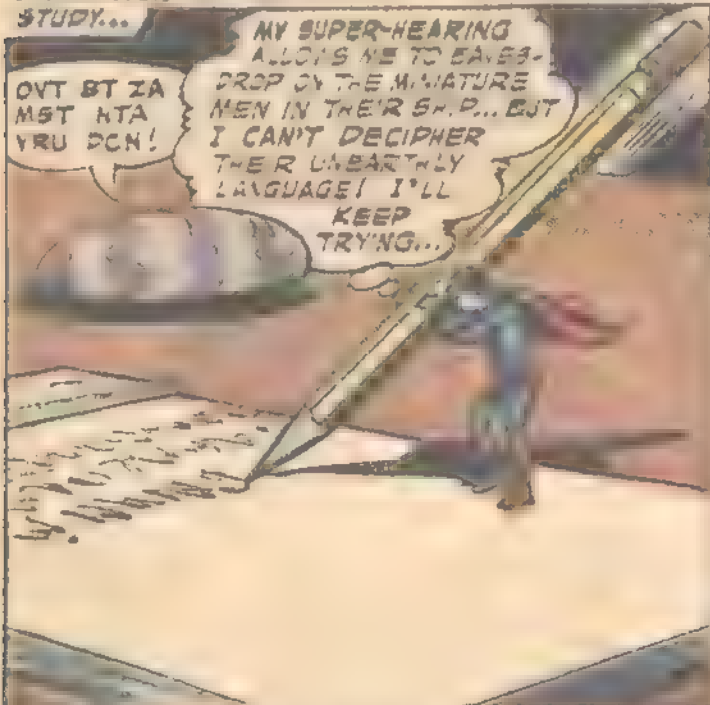
JUMPING FROM KEY TO KEY DOES THE TRICK! BUT IT'S GETTING TOUGH TO KEEP MY IDENTITY SAFE! I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHY THOSE SPACE VISITORS MADE ME SHRINK!



PRESENTLY, RETURNING BACK TO PROFESSOR LANG'S STUDY...

OVT BT ZA
MST HTA
YRU DCH!

MY SUPER-HEARING ALLOWS ME TO CATCH-
DROP ON THE MINATURE
MEN IN THEIR SH.P... BUT
I CAN'T DECIPHER
THEIR UN-EARTHLY
LANGUAGE! I'LL
KEEP TRYING...



ABSORBED IN THIS PROJECT, SUPERBOY IS CAUGHT BY SURPRISE ONCE AGAIN AS PROFESSOR LANG AND LANA COME IN!

NOW WE'LL FINISH
SORTING THE
MINERALS,
LANA!

OH GOSH! THEY'LL
PLAINLY SEE ME IF I FLY
OUT THE WINDOW! HMM... THAT
DART-BOARD IS MY BEST
HOPE!



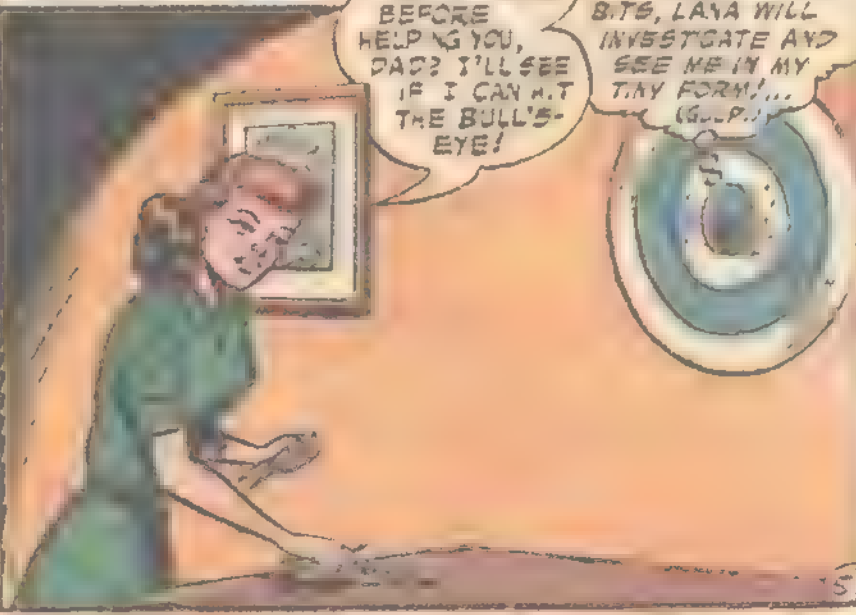
THERE! I'LL FLATTEN
MYSELF UP AGAINST THE
BULL'S-EYE! MY BLUE
SUIT BLENDS WITH ITS
BLUE COLOR IN PERFECT
CAMOUFLAGE! I'M SAFE
FROM DETECTION!

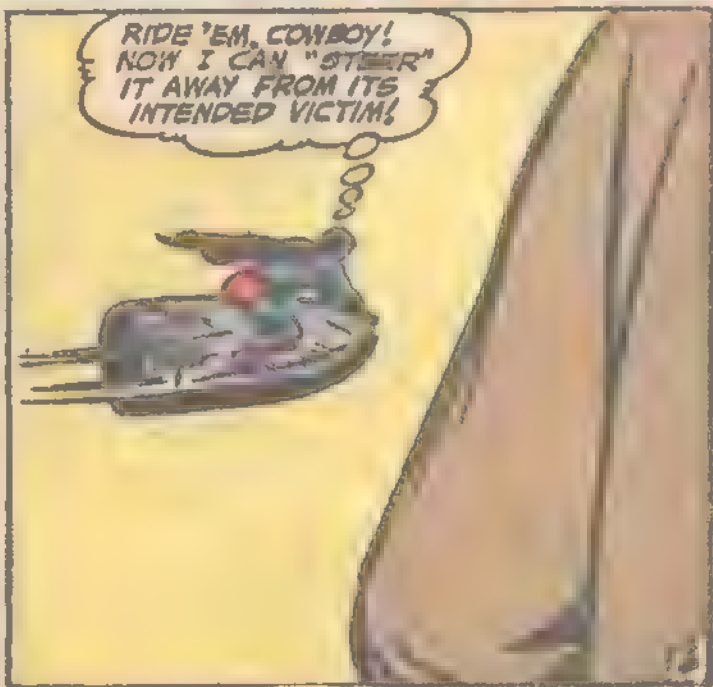
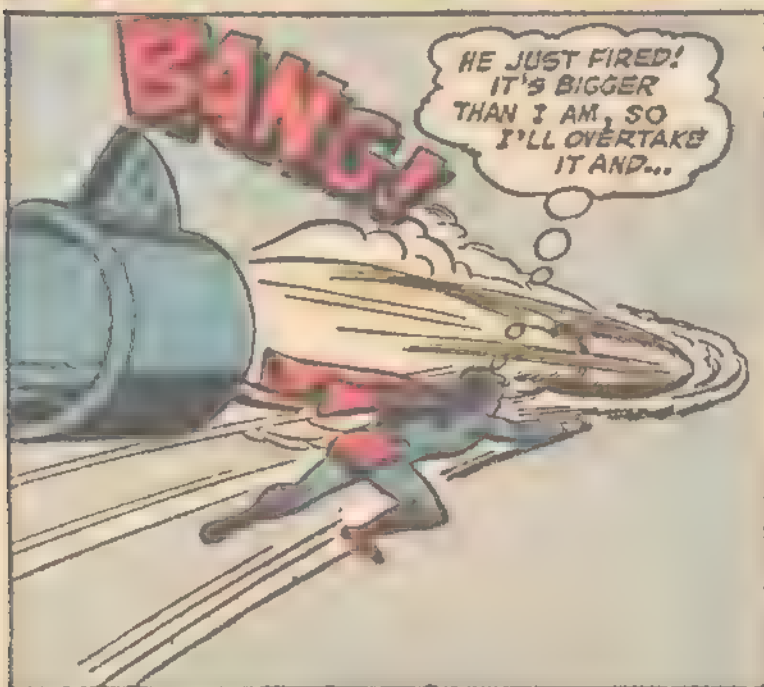
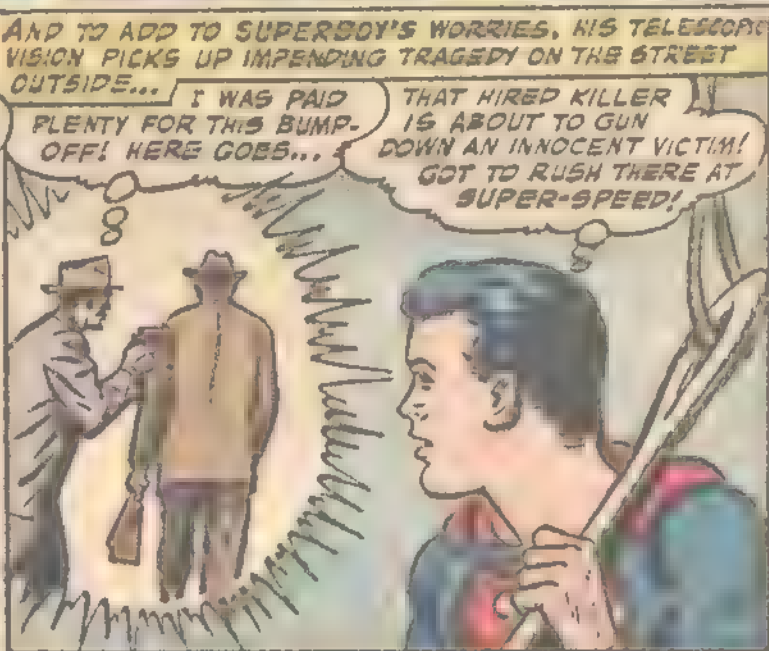
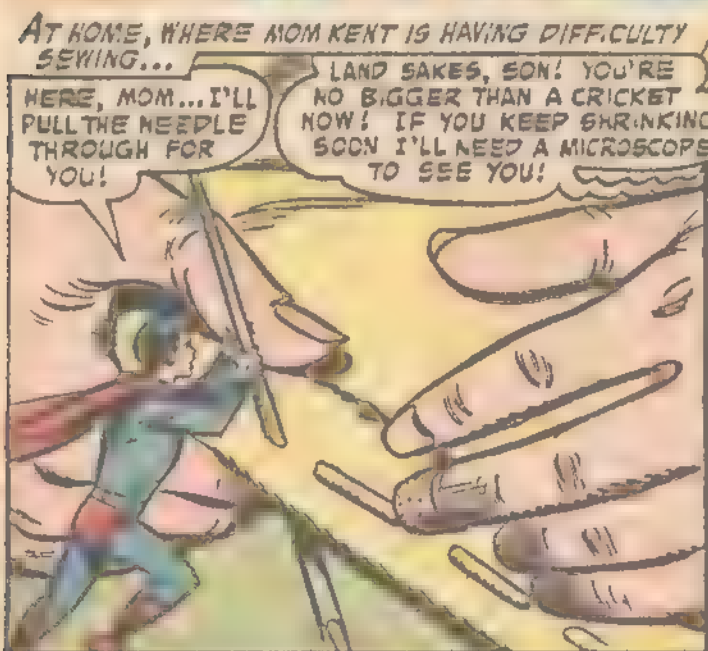
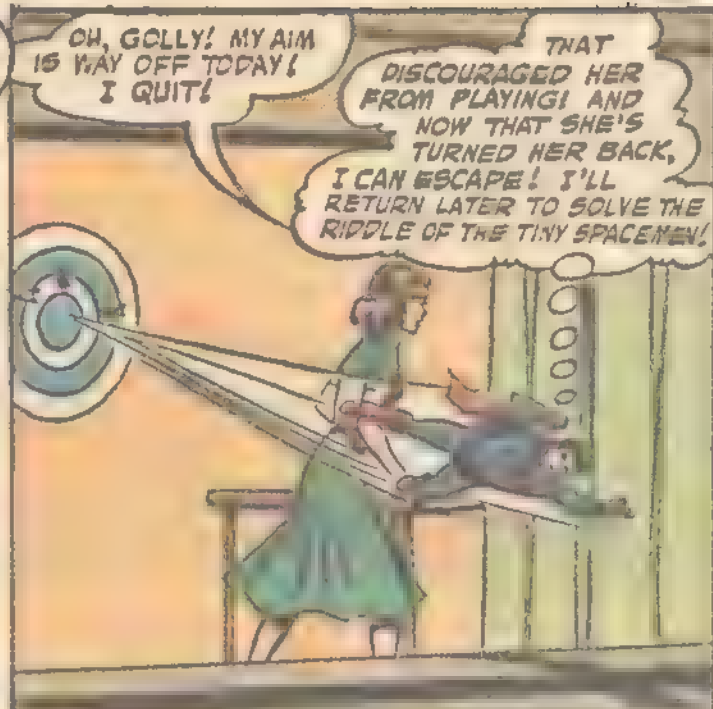


SAFE, SUPERBOY? NOT WHEN LANA IMPULSIVELY SEEKS RECREATION...

MIND IF I
THROW
SOME DARTS
BEFORE
HELPING YOU,
DAD? I'LL SEE
IF I CAN HIT
THE BULL'S-
EYE!

OH, NO! IF THE
DARTS HIT ME
AND SHATTER TO
BITS, LANA WILL
INVESTIGATE AND
SEE ME IN MY
TINY FORM!...
(GULP)

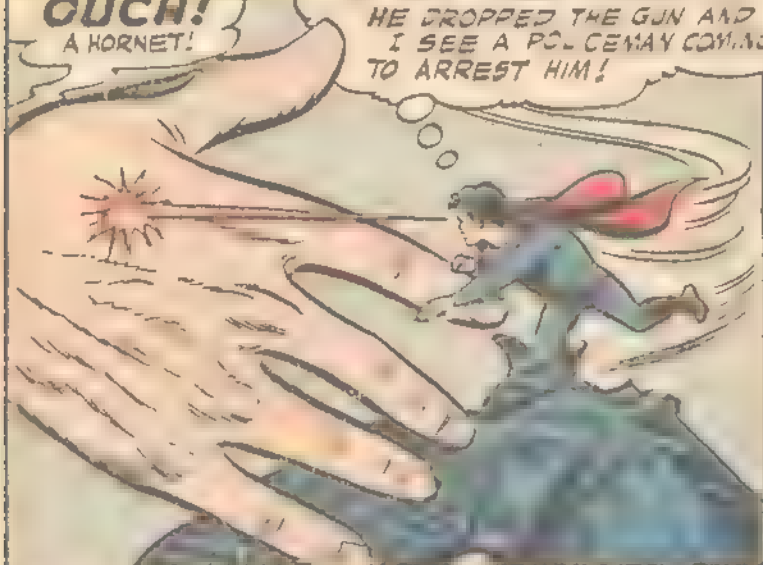




DARTING ABOUT LIKE AN INSECT, SUPERBOY USES HIS HEAT VISION TO DISARM THE KILLER!

OUCH!
A HORNET!

A "SUPER-HORNET!"... THAT IS! MY HEAT VISION "STUNG" HIM! HE DROPPED THE GUN AND I SEE A POLICEMAN COMING TO ARREST HIM!



NOW BACK TO THE LANG HOUSE! GOSH, I'M THE SIZE OF A "MOSQUITO" NOW COMPARED TO THIS ORDINARY DRAGON-FLY! I'M AS TINY NOW AS THE MICRO-MEN FROM SPACE!



WHEN THE PROFESSOR AND LANA AGAY LEAVE THE ROOM...

NOW THAT I'M DOWN TO THEIR SIZE, I CAN ENTER THEIR SPACESHIP AND SURPRISE THEM! IF THEY'RE UP TO EVIL PLANS, I'LL NIP THEM IN THE BUD!

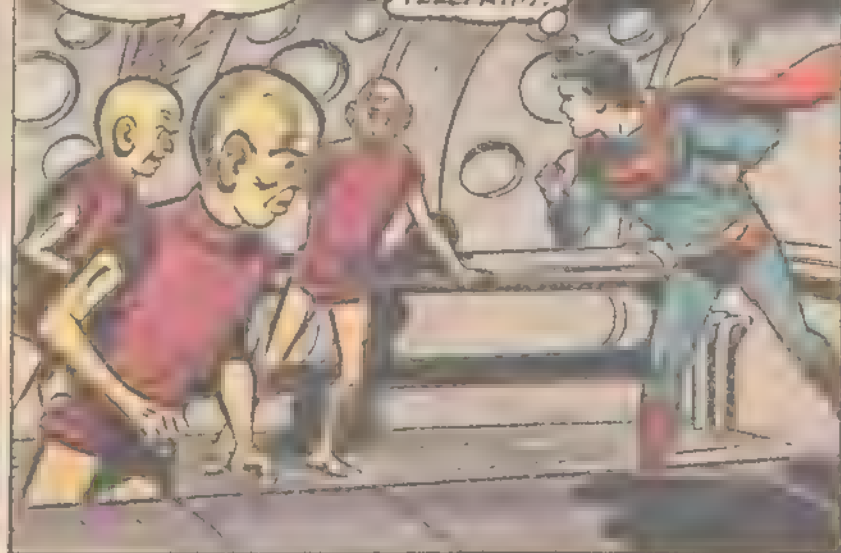


AT LAST THE BOY OF STEEL FACES THE MINATURE MEN FROM SPACE!

AH! WE HAVE SUPERBOY WHERE WE WANT HIM!

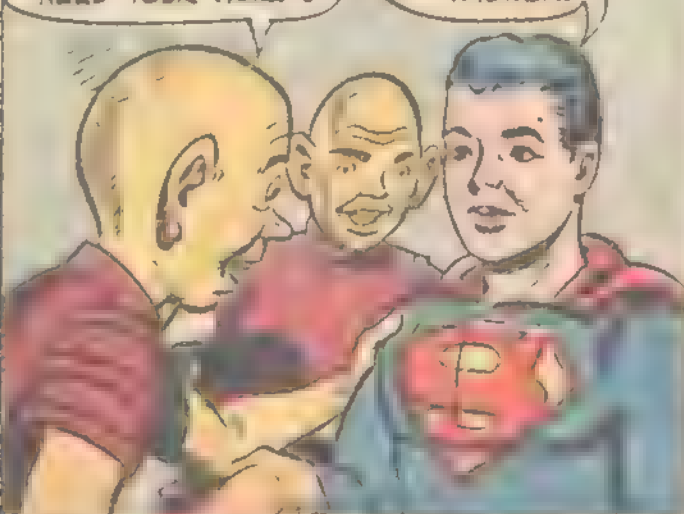
I-I CAN UNDERSTAND THEM NOW... THEY'RE USING TELEPATHY!

IF YOU WANT A FIGHT, YOU'LL GET IT!

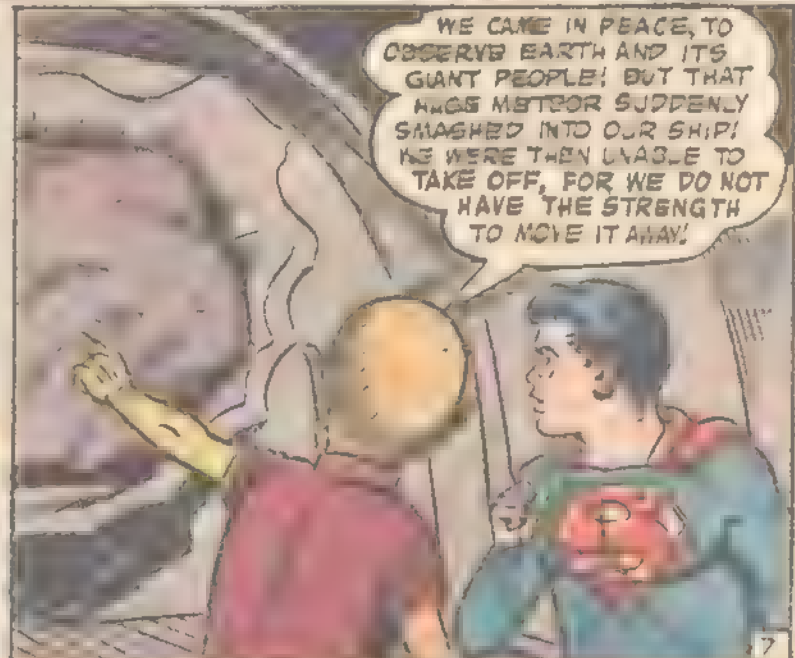


FIGHT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE REDUCED YOU TO OUR SIZE BECAUSE WE NEED YOUR HELP!

GREAT SCOTT! I-I NEVER GUESSED THAT WAS THE ANSWER!



WE CAME IN PEACE, TO OBSERVE EARTH AND ITS GIANT PEOPLE! BUT THAT HUGE METEOR SUDDENLY SMASHED INTO OUR SHIP! WE WERE THEN UNABLE TO TAKE OFF, FOR WE DO NOT HAVE THE STRENGTH TO MOVE IT AWAY!

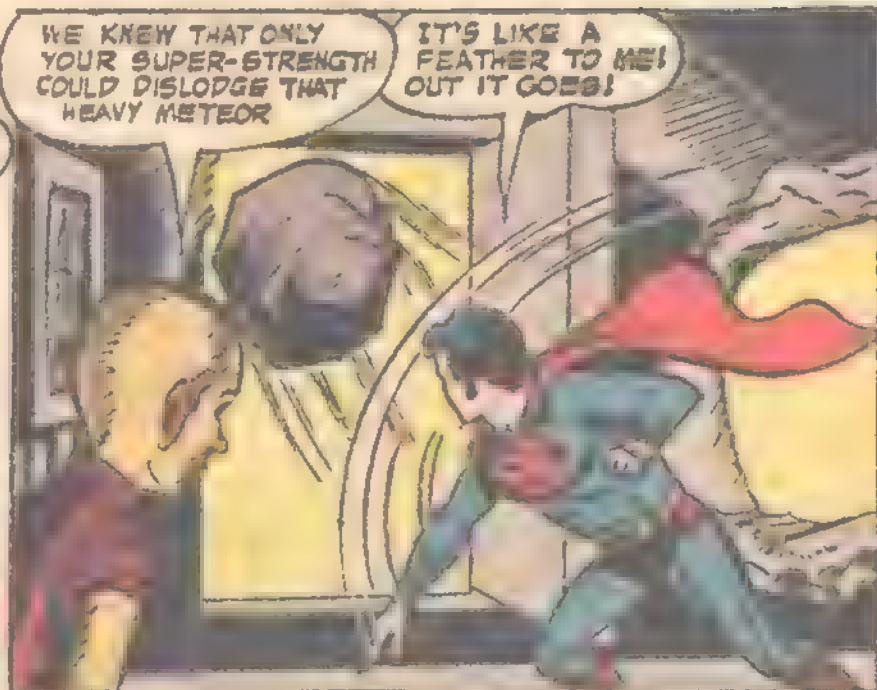


THUS, WE WERE MAROONED ON EARTH! FORTUNATELY, YOUR GIANT PROFESSOR FRIEND PICKED US UP WITH MINERAL SPECIMENS! WE HAD PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED YOUR CHANGING OF IDENTITY, SO WHEN "CLARK KENT" CAME, WE USED THE SHRINKING RAY ON HIM!



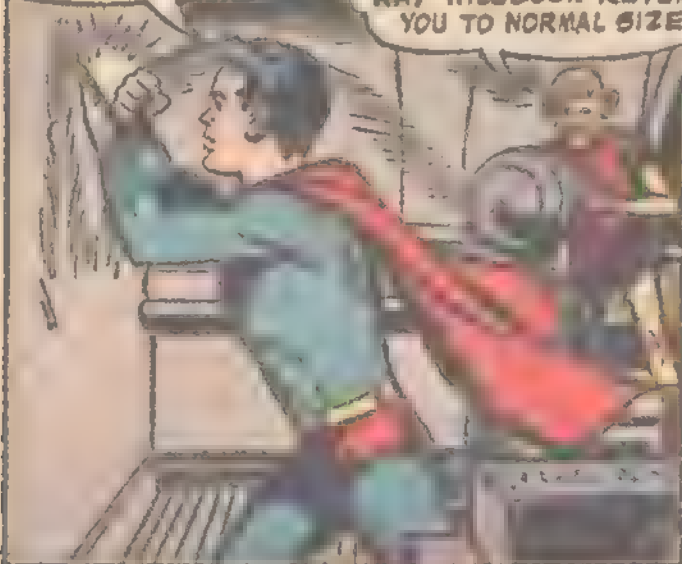
WE KNEW THAT ONLY YOUR SUPER-STRENGTH COULD DISLodge THAT HEAVY METEOR

IT'S LIKE A FEATHER TO ME! OUT IT GOES!



I'LL REPAIR YOUR WALL SO YOU CAN LEAVE EARTH!

THANKS, EARTH BOY! NOW WE WILL REVERSE OUR MACHINES AND THIS EXPANDING RAY WILL SOON RETURN YOU TO NORMAL SIZE!



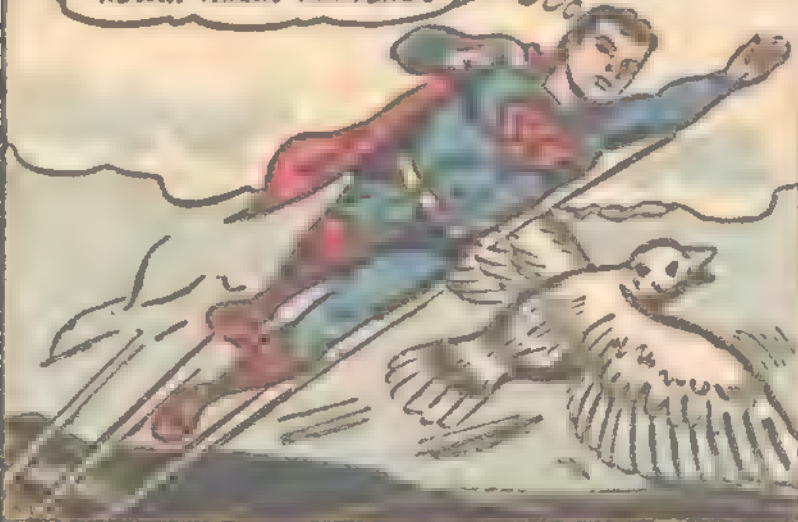
AS PROFESSOR LANG AND LANA ENTER THE ROOM...

MY WORD! HOW CAN THAT ODD "CAPSULE"... ER... FLY AWAY?

GOODNESS! WHAT'S THE ANSWER TO THIS QUEER MYSTERY?

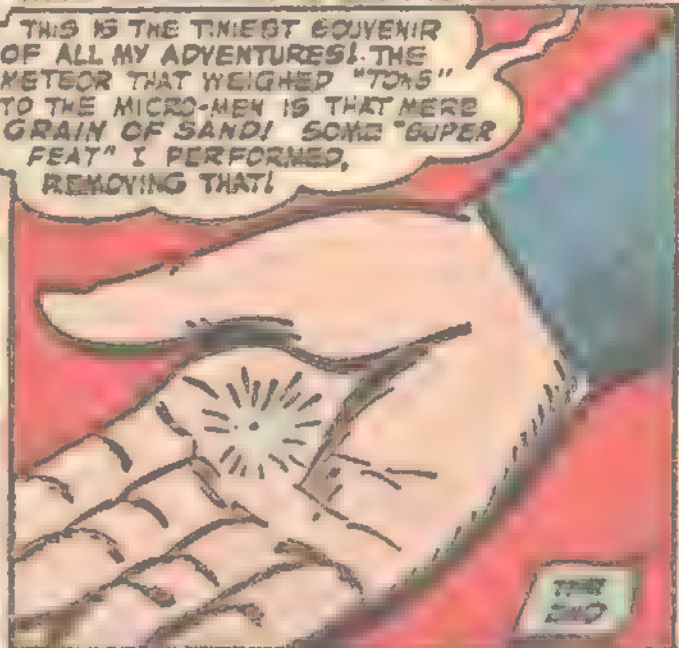


THEY'LL NEVER KNOW! IF I REVEAL HOW I SHRANK TO TINY SIZE, LANA MIGHT SUSPECT THE TRICKS I PLAYED TO HIDE MY IDENTITY! I'M EXPANDING NOW... THANK HEAVENS!



WHEN SUPERBOY IS BACK TO FULL SIZE...

THIS IS THE TINIEST SOUVENIR OF ALL MY ADVENTURES! THE METEOR THAT WEIGHED "TONS" TO THE MICRO-MEN IS THAT MERE GRAIN OF SAND! SOME "SUPER FEAT" I PERFORMED, REMOVING THAT!



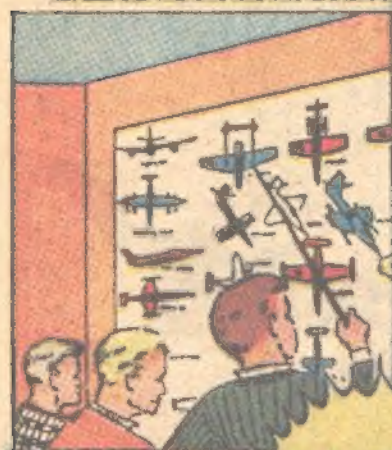
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